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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 ON UESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015 ON PAGE 223]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN THE MEETING
7 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO GO LIVE AT 9:45. SO WE'RE GOING TO OPEN
8 TODAY'S MEETING DECEMBER 1, 2015. FIRST WE'LL BE OPENING WITH
9 AN INVOCATION LED BY RABBI ARON BEGUN OF CHABAD OF CHEVIOT
10 HILLS, AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY RETIRED
11 COLONEL LISA COSTANZA FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY, RESIDING IN
12 GRENADA HILLS. SO IF THE AUDIENCE WOULD PLEASE RISE, AND
13 RABBI?

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15 **RABBI ARON BEGUN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH
16 AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALL OF YOU GREAT PEOPLE HERE
17 AT THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT WORK. I HOPE YOU ALL
18 HAD A GREAT THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. THE DAY OF THANKSGIVING IS A
19 DAY THAT WE CONTEMPLATE IN THE KINDNESS OF OUR GOD ALMIGHTY
20 FOR GIVING US A GREAT COUNTRY. AS THE FOUNDERS OF THIS COUNTRY
21 PROCLAIMED THIS DAY TO BE A DAY TO APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT
22 GOD HAS GIVEN US A COUNTRY WHERE WE COULD LIVE WITH PEACE AND
23 TRANQUILITY. ON THIS DAY, IT IS ALSO BY DIVINE PROVIDENCE
24 EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IN THIS WORLD IS PRECISELY THE WAY GOD
25 SPECIFICALLY WANTS, WHETHER WE UNDERSTAND OR NOT. THIS DAY IS

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1 A HASIDIC HOLIDAY, TOO. TODAY, THE DAY WHERE THE FIRST RABBI,
2 THE FOUNDER OF CHABAD-LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT BACK IN RUSSIA IN THE
3 END OF THE 18TH CENTURY WAS IMPRISONED BECAUSE OF THE TEACHING
4 OF HIS BELIEF. IT DIDN'T GO WELL WITH THE CZAR AT THAT TIME.
5 BUT TODAY WAS A DAY OF LIBERATION WHERE THEY RECOGNIZED THE
6 TREMENDOUS BENEFIT OF HIS TEACHINGS. THERE IS A STORY OF ONE
7 OF THE OFFICERS THAT CAME TO INTERROGATE THE RABBI, AND HE
8 ASKED HIM A QUESTION, "IT SAYS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE BIBLE
9 IN GENESIS THAT GOD CALLED TO ADAM AND SAYS" WHERE ARE YOU?"
10 SO HE ASKED HIM, "DOESN'T GOD KNOW WHERE ADAM IS?" SO HE GAVE
11 HIM AN ANSWER BASED ON ONE OF THE EARLY COMMENTARIES. THE
12 MINISTER, OFFICER KNEW WELL THE BIBLE, AND HE SAID, "I ALREADY
13 KNOW THE COMMENT. I WANT TO HEAR SOMETHING FROM YOU. HOW DO
14 YOU EXPLAIN THAT?" SO THE RABBI TURNED TO HIM AND SAID,
15 "'WHERE ARE YOU?' IS A CALL FROM GOD, A PERPETUAL CALL FROM
16 GOD TO EACH ONE OF US. GOD ASKS US, 'WHERE ARE YOU IN THIS
17 WORLD?' GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF DAYS, HOURS AND
18 MINUTES TO ACCOMPLISH YOUR MISSION IN THIS WORLD. WHERE ARE
19 YOU? HAVE YOU ACCOMPLISHED THIS WORK?" DEAR BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, GOD IS GIVING YOU THIS PRIVILEGE OR THIS POSITION
21 OF LEADERSHIP, BRINGING LIGHT INTO THIS WORLD, FULFILLING THE
22 MISSION OF GOD. AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY, AS LEADERS, TO
23 MAKE SURE THAT WE BRING THE LIGHT INTO THIS DARK WORLD, A
24 WORLD THAT WE SEE OF SO MUCH CONFUSION OF WHAT IS RIGHT AND
25 WHAT IS WRONG. MAY GOD GRANT EACH ONE OF US THE STRENGTH,

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1 HEALTH, COURAGE AND THE DETERMINATION TO DO GOD'S WILL. JUST
2 AS WE APPROACH THE HOLIDAY OF HANUKKAH, A LESSON TO EACH ONE
3 OF US THAT GOD GIVES US THE POWER TO ILLUMINATE. JUST A LITTLE
4 BIT OF LIGHT CAN PUSH AWAY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DARKNESS.
5 MAY WE HAVE THE POWER AND THE STRENGTH TO BE ABLE TO BREAK
6 THROUGH EVERY BIT OF DARKNESS IN THIS WORLD WITH A GREAT LIGHT
7 OF TRUTH AND HONESTY, MORALITY AND BRING ABOUT THE ULTIMATE
8 FULFILLMENT OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH AS THE GREAT JEWISH
9 CODIFIER, MAIMONIDES AND HIS GREAT WORK, WITH THE WORDS "AND
10 THE WORLD WILL BE FILLED WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AS THE
11 OCEAN BED IS FILLED WITH WATER." MAY IT HAPPEN SPEEDILY IN OUR
12 DAYS AND LET US ALL SAY "AMEN."

13

14 **LISA COSTANZA:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AND PLACE YOUR HAND OVER
15 YOUR HEART. MILITARY VETERANS, RENDER A HAND SALUTE. [PLEDGE
16 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. WE ARE
21 DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY RABBI ARON BEGUN AS HE HAS
22 RECEIVED AS THE EMISSARY OF THE REBBE, AS A SPIRITUAL LEADER
23 OF THE CHABAD OF CHEVIOT HILLS SINCE 1987. THE CHABAD OF
24 CHEVIOT HILLS IS A JEWISH OUTREACH ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES
25 WHICH PROVIDES PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING ADULT

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1 EDUCATION, HOSPITAL VISITATION, HEBREW SCHOOL AS WELL AS
2 COUNSELING SERVICES AND MANY OTHER SERVICES. BORN IN SAO
3 PAOLO, BRAZIL, WHERE HIS PARENTS WERE PART OF THE LARGEST
4 JEWISH ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD, CHABAD-LUBAVITCH MOVEMENT.
5 AND SO THE RABBI HAS BEEN HERE SINCE 1977, AND HE GRADUATED
6 FROM THE RABBINICAL COLLEGE IN NEW JERSEY, WAS ORDAINED FROM
7 CENTRAL CHABAD YESHIVA IN NEW YORK, THAT IS SPECIFICALLY
8 BROOKLYN. HE FOUNDED THE FIRST CHABAD GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL IN
9 LOS ANGELES. HE'S MARRIED TO ESTHER AND IS BLESSED WITH A
10 WONDERFUL FAMILY. HIS SON, RABBI DAVID, IS HERE WITH US TODAY
11 AND WE WELCOME YOU. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE DELIGHTED HAVE
12 THE RABBI WITH US TODAY AND WE THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN
13 THIS MORNING'S INVOCATION AND WE EXTEND TO YOU THE CERTIFICATE
14 OF APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRESENCE AND WISH YOU GODSPEED.

15 [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONCE AGAIN WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE
18 COLONEL LISA COSTANZA WHO SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
19 MILITARY. SHE RECEIVED THE LEGION OF MERIT, THE BRONZE STAR,
20 MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AND ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL ALONG
21 WITH THE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AND NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL,
22 IRAQI FREEDOM MEDAL, KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL, HUMANITARIAN
23 SERVICE MEDAL, ARMY SERVICE RIBBON AND SEVERAL OTHER STATE
24 AWARDS TO INCLUDE CALIFORNIA MEDAL OF MERIT. SHE IS A GRADUATE
25 OF MISSION HILLS HIGH SCHOOL IN THE LOS ANGELES SAN FERNANDO

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1 VALLEY AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH WITH HER
2 BACHELOR AND MASTER'S DEGREE. AND SHE ALSO HAS A CERTIFICATE
3 FROM U.C.L.A.'S EXTENSION, LIVING IN LONG BEACH IN DIFFERENT
4 SPOTS BUT BOUGHT A HOME AND REMAINED HER HOME UNTIL MAY 2014.
5 SHE SERVED IN THE CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD FOR A TOTAL
6 OF 28 YEARS WITH 24 YEARS IN THE ACTIVE NATIONAL GUARD
7 RETIRING AS COLONEL. SHE SERVED 16 MONTHS DEPLOYMENT IN KOSOVO
8 AND ONE YEAR IN IRAQ WHERE SHE WAS THE BRIGADE COMMANDER WITH
9 A BRIGADE OF OVER 4200 SOLDIERS. AND SHE IS AN ACTRESS. SO I
10 TOLD HER WE HAVE DOBIE GILLIS'S FRIEND WITH US AND WE ARE
11 GOING TO SAY HI TO HER IN A MINUTE, AS WELL. BUT LISA,
12 COLONEL, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN THE
13 PLEDGE. THIS IS DOBIE GILLIS'S FRIEND. [APPLAUSE.] I THINK THE
14 BOARD NEEDS A SCROLL BECAUSE WE ARE DOING IT RIGHT AT 9:45. SO
15 THIS IS AMAZING. TWO MINUTES, OKAY.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE
18 BOARD, TODAY IS A VERY SPECIAL TIME THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE
19 RECOGNIZING TWO ICONS IN MEDIA, TELEVISION REPORTING OF THE
20 WONDERFUL TOURNAMENT OF ROSES ROSE PARADE THAT WE DO EVERY
21 JANUARY 1ST. AND NEXT WEEK WE'RE HAVING THE QUEEN AND THE
22 COURT DOWN TO RECOGNIZE THEM, AS WELL. STEPHANIE EDWARDS AND
23 BOB EUBANKS ARE INSTITUTIONS. THEY PRESIDED OVER THAT PARADE,
24 ANNOUNCING IT TO THE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS AND
25 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE ON K.T.L.A. FOR THE LAST 32 YEARS. IN

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1 ADDITION TO HOSTING THAT ROSE PARADE, STEPHANIE HAS HAD AN
2 IMPRESSIVE FOUR-DECADE CAREER WORKING AS THE ORIGINAL CO-HOST
3 ALONGSIDE PETER JENNINGS AND BILL BEUTEL ON A.B.C." A.M.
4 AMERICA," THE FORERUNNER TO "GOOD MORNING AMERICA." SHE'S
5 APPEARED ON THE "TONIGHT SHOW" 14 TIMES, WORKED ON FILM,
6 TELEVISION, LIVE STAGE PRODUCTION AND AS AN INTERVIEWER WITH
7 MUSICALS AND VARIETY SHOWS AS A HOST. OFT APPRECIATED FOR HER
8 UNIQUE CANDOR, KINDNESS AND WIT, STEPHANIE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED
9 BY BROADCAST EXECUTIVES AS ONE OF AMERICA'S BRIGHTEST AND MOST
10 ARTICULATE JOURNALISTS. BOB EUBANKS BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A DISC
11 JOCKEY, BECOMING ONE OF THE TOP JOCKS ON ROCK AND ROLLS D.J.S
12 IN LOS ANGELES. HE WORKED AS A PROMOTER, MANAGER, PRODUCER TO
13 SOME OF OUR BIGGEST MUSIC NAMES INCLUDING DOLLY PARTON,
14 BARBARA MANDRELL, MARTY ROBBINS, THE ROLLING STONES, BOB DYLAN
15 AND THE BEATLES, TO NAME JUST A FEW. HE HOSTED SOME OF
16 TELEVISION'S MOST SUCCESSFUL DAYTIME PROGRAMS, INCLUDING "THE
17 NEWLYWED GAME" AND "CARD SHARKS." SO WE ARE GOING TO WELCOME
18 THEM HERE. WE HAVE SPECIAL PROCLAMATIONS WE ARE GOING TO GIVE
19 THEM. THIS IS STEPHANIE. [APPLAUSE.] SHEILA, HILDA, DON AND
20 MARK, GROUP PICTURE.

21

22 **STEPHANIE EDWARDS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. I KNOW SOME
23 PEOPLE IN THIS ROOM WHOSE CAREER I HAVE BEEN WATCHING FOR A
24 VERY LONG TIME. THIS MORNING, I AM THINKING OF THE FIRST TIME
25 I SET FOOT IN LOS ANGELES. AND WHEN I GOT OFF THE PLANE FROM

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1 MINNESOTA IN ABOUT 1968, LOS ANGELES WAS HOME. I THINK BOTH
2 BOB AND I REALLY STARTED OUR CAREERS IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IT
3 BEING REALLY THE MOST INFLUENTIAL BROADCAST MARKET IN THE
4 WORLD, WAS A LUCKY BREAK FOR BOTH OF US. IT HAS BEEN HOME EVER
5 SINCE THE LATE '60S FOR ME. I AM THRILLED AT THIS HONOR. IT'S
6 FULL CIRCLE FOR ME, HAVING COME TO LOS ANGELES BECAUSE I
7 WANTED TO AND HAVING WORKED HERE BECAUSE OF THE GRACE OF GOD
8 AND GOOD FORTUNE AND NOW DECIDING TO STOP AND STAY IN LOS
9 ANGELES IS THE BEST WAY TO HAVE A CAREER. TO BE HONORED IS
10 WONDERFUL AND I THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. THIS IS A TREAT.
11 [APPLAUSE.]

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13 **BOB EUBANKS:** I USUALLY HAVE SOMETHING SMART ALECK TO SAY BUT
14 I'M JUST OVERWHELMED. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. THIS IS OUR
15 LAST YEAR WITH THE ROSE PARADE, AND IT'S OUR CHOICE. THE FOLKS
16 AT K.T.L.A. CHANNEL 5 HAVE JUST BEEN WONDERFUL TO US AND WE'RE
17 JUST THRILLED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DESCRIBE THAT
18 WONDERFUL EVENT EVERY YEAR. I'M THRILLED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
19 THANK YOU TO MY FRIENDS AT K.T.L.A. THANK YOU-- MR.
20 ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS SOMETHING SPECIAL IN OUR
21 HOUSE BECAUSE HIS CHRISTMAS CARD, IT ALWAYS ARRIVES FIRST. AND
22 THAT WAY WE KNOW THAT CHRISTMAS SEASON HAS STARTED. GOD BLESS
23 YOU ALL AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. [APPLAUSE.]

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE'LL BEGIN.

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MR.
3 MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA
4 ON PAGE 2, POLICY MATTER. ITEM P-1 WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION
5 ALONG WITH RELATED ITEM NO. 3. ON PAGE 3, REPORTS, ON ITEM R-
6 1, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION. ON ITEMS R-2, R-3
7 AND R-4, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE
8 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 5, 2016. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
9 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ON ITEM 1-D,
10 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 5,
11 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, ON ITEM 1-H,
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS
13 ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
14 REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P, 2-P AND 3-P
15 ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MARK
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14, ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS INCLUDES
22 THE ADDITIONS ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 2, WE
23 WILL HOLD THIS FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS
24 ITEM RELATES TO P-1 AND WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR DISCUSSION. ON
25 ITEM NO. 4, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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1 ON ITEM NO. 6, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE
2 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ALSO,
3 THEY RELATE TO 16 AND 68. THESE ITEMS WILL ALSO BE HELD. ALSO
4 ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTES NO.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH NUMBER IS THAT?

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** NO. 6. ON ITEM NO.
9 7, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST
10 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 8, AND ITEM NO. 10, A MEMBERS
11 OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM
12 NUMBER 11, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE HELD.
13 ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
14 REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.
18 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 20, CONSENT
21 CALENDARS, ITEMS 15 THROUGH 67. ON ITEM NO. 16, SUPERVISOR
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE
23 HELD. ALSO, THIS WILL BE HELD WITH RELATED ITEMS 6 AND 68.
24 ALSO, ON ITEM NO. 17 AND 18, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
25 REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 19, 21, 22, A MEMBER OR

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1 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO.
2 23, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
3 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 8, 2015. ON ITEMS NUMBER 24,
4 25, 26 AND 27, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE
5 ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 28, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
6 HEALTH REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO DECEMBER 8,
7 2015. ON ITEMS NO. 29 AND 30, A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE
8 PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEMS NO. 34 AND 35, A
9 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THESE ITEMS BE HELD.
10 ON ITEM NO. 44, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
11 HELD. ON ITEM NO. 67, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THIS
12 ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR
13 ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECOND
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 41,
19 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 68, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
20 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2, ADMINISTRATION,
21 RELATING TO THE LIVING WAGE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN PROPOSITION A
22 AND CAFETERIA SERVICE CONTRACTS BY REMOVING THE HEALTH BENEFIT
23 REQUIREMENT AND TWO TIERED WAGE RATE, EXPANDING THE PROGRAM TO
24 INCLUDE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING A GRADUATED LIVING
25 WAGE RATE INCREASE. ON THIS ITEM SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND

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1 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD AS IT RELATES
2 TO ITEM 6 AND 16. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE VOTES
3 NO. ON PAGE 42, 69 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED
4 MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON
5 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 69-A, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
6 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON
7 THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE ABSTAINS. ON ITEM 69-B, THIS ITEM
8 IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. SECONDED
11 BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 69-C,
14 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE 45,
15 NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM C.S.-2, C.S.-3 AND C.S.-4,
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
17 DECEMBER 8, 2015.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECOND
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** THAT COMPLETES THE
23 READING. AGENDA, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
24 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NO PRESENTATIONS.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO BE WELCOMING THE
6 U.S. VETS, WHICH IS A VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION,
7 CELEBRATING ITS 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF SERVING OUR VETERANS IN
8 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THESE PAST 22 YEARS, VETS, U.S. VETS HAS
9 GROWN TO BECOME THE NATION'S LARGEST NONPROFIT PROVIDER OF
10 COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS AND AT-RISK VETERANS.
11 WITH 21 RESIDENTIAL SITES AND 9 SERVICE CENTERS SPREAD ACROSS
12 THE 14 CITIES, SIX STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE
13 TERRITORY OF GUAM, U.S. VETS PROVIDES VETERANS WITH SERVICES
14 INCLUDING COUNSELING, JOB PLACEMENT, CASE MANAGEMENT,
15 EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL AND FREE ABUSE
16 PROGRAMS. U.S. VETS IS SERVING AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION ASSISTING
17 OUR 2 MILLION VETERANS LEAVING IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN, MANY WHO
18 HAVE EXPERIENCED CHALLENGES, INCLUDING WHEN THEY RE-ADJUST TO
19 CIVILIAN LIFE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THE TIME TO
20 ENCOURAGE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO GET THE WORD OUT ABOUT
21 VETERANS' HOMELESSNESS AND VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
22 LIKE U.S. VETS. SO WE WANT TO HAVE THEM HELP AND ALL OF US
23 SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE UPCOMING VETERANS AND FAMILIES STAND
24 DOWN EVENT THAT THE U.S. VETS IS HOLDING AT THE LOS ANGELES
25 CONVENTION CENTER FROM DECEMBER 19TH THROUGH DECEMBER 21ST.

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1 THAT'S THE 19TH THROUGH THE 21ST. SO WE HAVE WITH US TODAY
2 IVAN AND STEVE PECK. GIVE YOU THIS PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF
3 OUR BOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SPEAKER:** WELL, GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. IT IS
6 DEFINITELY AN HONOR FOR ME BEING HERE TODAY. THE ONLY THING I
7 REALLY WANT TO SPREAD OUT HERE TODAY IS THE CULMINATING EVENT
8 THAT WILL BE DECEMBER 19TH THROUGH THE 21ST. IT'S A PASSION
9 THAT I JOINED ONTO ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS GIVEN TO
10 ME AS A CHARGE, ENDING HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS AS WE NOW
11 KNOW IT. WE HAVE STARTED DOWN THAT PATH, U.S. VETS IS
12 COORDINATING THE LARGEST EVENT, AND THIS WILL BE OUR SECOND
13 YEAR IN THE CONVENTION CENTER. AND AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A
14 COMMUNITY EVENT AND IT'S NOT JUST SPECIFIC TO THE CITY OF LOS
15 ANGELES; IT'S SPECIFIC TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. OUR
16 VETERANS NEED YOUR SUPPORT, AND WE ARE ENCOURAGING YOU ALL TO
17 COME OUT AND SUPPORT US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE ONE OTHER PRESENTATION BUT HE
20 HAS NOT ARRIVED YET. WHEN HE DOES, WE'LL BRING THAT. SO FIRST
21 DISTRICT?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW THIS IS ONE OF THE REALLY CUTE
24 LITTLE PUPPIES. THIS IS MIA. MIA IS 8 WEEKS OLD. SHE'S AN
25 ALTERED FEMALE. AND YOU CAN ADOPT HER 562-726-4610. THIS IS

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1 LITTLE MIA LOOKING TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAYS, MAKE A WONDERFUL
2 HANUKKAH GIFT OR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS GIFT OR A NICE NEW YEAR'S
3 GIFT. AND WOULD MAKE ONE OF YOUR HOUSEHOLDS A LOT OF LOVE AND
4 AS RABBI SAID, BRING LIGHT TO YOUR HOME. SO LITTLE MIA. SEE
5 ANYBODY OUT THERE? LOOK AT ALL THE LOVING PEOPLE. LOOK AT
6 THAT. LOVES RED PORSCHE. SEE, GOT THE LITTLE RED JACKET ON.
7 DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. JUST MADE MY
10 OPTOMETRIST VERY HAPPY. TODAY IS #GIVINGTUESDAY. PERHAPS
11 YOU'VE READ ABOUT IT, SEEN IT ON YOUR PHONES ON YOUR DEVICES.
12 IT'S A GLOBAL DAY OF GIVING. AND THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR THAT
13 WE'VE DONE IT. IN THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING AND AS A KIND OF
14 ANTIDOTE TO THE CONSUMER FRENZY OF BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER
15 MONDAY, #GIVINGTUESDAY HARNESSSES THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO
16 KICK OFF OUR ANNUAL SEASON OF GIVING BY ENCOURAGING DONATIONS
17 TO THE GREAT VARIETY OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
18 PROGRAMS ESSENTIAL TO THE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL WELL-
19 BEING OF PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY AND ABROAD. MILLIONS OF
20 DOLLARS WILL BE RAISED TODAY FOR GREAT CAUSES WHEN PEOPLE COME
21 TOGETHER FOR THIS DAY OF GIVING. GIVING TUESDAY'S LOCAL
22 EFFORT. #GIVINGSOCAL IS PART OF A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN IN 68
23 COUNTRIES TO ENCOURAGE CHARITABLE GIVING. LOCALLY, THE CENTER
24 FOR NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT IS HELPING L.A. NONPROFITS USE THIS
25 NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING TO CONNECT TO DONORS, OLD AND NEW.

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1 PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING JULIE HA TRUONG, DIRECTOR OF
2 EDUCATION FOR THE CENTER OF NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT, FOR THE
3 CENTER'S WORK IN LAUNCHING AND PROMOTING #GIVINGTUESDAY AND
4 #GIVINGSOCAL. AND FOR YOU OUT THERE THAT KNOWS WHAT THIS
5 MEANS, THAT'S HASHTAG, GIVINGSOCAL. PLEASE THANK THE CENTER
6 AND JULIE. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **JULIE TRUONG:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S
9 REALLY AN HONOR TO BE HERE TODAY. WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT
10 #GIVINGSOCAL IS IN FULL SWING. WE ENCOURAGE ALL OF YOU TO
11 VISIT. GIVINGSOCAL.COM AND GIVE TO YOUR FAVORITE ORGANIZATIONS
12 AND GIVE DEEPLY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TODAY, ALTHOUGH WE JUST ADOPTED THE MOTION
15 BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MYSELF WITHOUT A BIT OF DISCUSSION, I
16 THINK I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WORLD A.I.D.S.
17 DAY. AND THEN TO ASK MICHAEL KEARNS TO COME AND STAND HERE SO
18 WE CAN HONOR HIM. WORLD A.I.D.S. DAY WAS LAUNCHED FOR THE
19 FIRST TIME IN 1988. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE WORLDWIDE
20 TO UNITE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST H.I.V. WHILE SHOWING THEIR
21 SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND TO COMMEMORATE AND
22 HONOR ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE DIED FROM
23 THIS PANDEMIC. WORLDWIDE, NEARLY 37 MILLION PEOPLE ARE LIVING
24 WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. AN ESTIMATED 60,000 PEOPLE ARE LIVING
25 WITH H.I.V. IN LOS ANGELES. WORLD A.I.D.S. DAY IS AN IMPORTANT

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1 OCCASION BECAUSE IT REMINDS THE PUBLIC, AND ALL OF OUR
2 GOVERNMENTS, THAT H.I.V. HAS NOT GONE AWAY. AND THAT THERE'S
3 STILL A VITAL NEED TO RAISE MONEY, INCREASE AWARENESS, FIGHT
4 PREJUDICE AND IMPROVE EDUCATION. AND ON THIS DAY, ON WORLD
5 A.I.D.S. DAY, IT'S MY VERY, VERY GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO
6 CELEBRATE AND HONOR OUR GOOD FRIEND MICHAEL KEARNS, ONE OF LOS
7 ANGELES'S FINEST TALENTS, FOR HIS 30 YEARS OF ARTISTIC
8 ACHIEVEMENT. MICHAEL, WHO HAS LIVED WITH H.I.V. FOR MANY
9 YEARS, HAS OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS CREATED A PANOPLY OF
10 BRILLIANT CREATIVE WORKS PORTRAYING AND ILLUMINATING THE MANY
11 FACES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. MICHAEL FOUNDED
12 THE COMMUNITY-BASED A.I.D.S. THEATER IN THE 1980S, LINKED IT
13 TO A.I.D.S. ACTIVISM AS A WAY TO GIVE FORM TO PEOPLE'S GRIEF
14 AS WELL AS THEIR INSISTENCE ON SEEING AGGRESSIVE ACTION TAKEN
15 AGAINST THIS EPIDEMIC. AS A WORKING ACTOR IN FILM, THEATER AND
16 TELEVISION, HE BECAME WELL KNOWN AS THE FIRST H.I.V.-POSITIVE
17 ACTOR TO COME OUT ABOUT HIS STATUS IN THE INDUSTRY. HE CO-
18 FOUNDED ARTISTS CONFRONTING A.I.D.S. WITH JAMES CARROLL
19 PICKETT IN 1988 AND REMAINED ITS ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FOR A
20 DECADE, PRODUCING DOZENS OF THEATRICAL EVENTS FOR WHICH HE HAS
21 RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION ALL ACROSS
22 THE COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, MICHAEL HAS SPENT THE PAST DECADE
23 BRINGING HIS PLAY WRITING, ACTING AND ACTIVISM TO THE
24 ADDITIONAL ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS AND RACIAL INJUSTICE.
25 JOINING MICHAEL HERE TODAY-- OH NO I DON'T SEE CATHERINE HERE

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1 TODAY? IS SHE THERE? OH, GOOD. THERE SHE IS! JOINING MICHAEL
2 HERE TODAY IS HIS DAUGHTER CATHERINE. PLEASE WELCOME HER, AS
3 WELL. MICHAEL ADOPTED CATHERINE AS A BABY AND HE WAS THE
4 FIRST-EVER H.I.V.-POSITIVE ADOPTIVE PARENT IN L.A. COUNTY.
5 PLEASE JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING MICHAEL KEARNS FOR HIS AMAZING
6 WORK, HIS ARTISTIC VISION, HIS GROUNDBREAKING PERFORMANCES AND
7 THE COURAGE AND CREATIVITY WITH WHICH HE'S CHAMPIONED THE
8 STORIES OF PEOPLE WITH A.I.D.S. AND SO MANY OTHERS. THANK YOU,
9 MICHAEL KEARNS. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **MICHAEL KEARNS:** I HAVE VERY FEW WORDS TO SAY. FIRST OF ALL,
12 THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 PROGRESSIVE STANCE ON H.I.V./A.I.D.S. ISSUES WHICH HAS BEEN
14 STEADFAST OVER THE YEARS. SHEILA TOUCHED ON THIS. AND A.I.D.S.
15 TRIGGERS MANY WORDS. A.I.D.S. IS UGLY. A.I.D.S. IS BEAUTIFUL.
16 A.I.D.S. IS REDEMPTIVE, A.I.D.S. IS RELENTLESS. EVERYONE HAS A
17 WORD TO ATTACH TO A.I.D.S. BUT LET'S NOT ATTACH THE WORD OVER.
18 I'VE HEARD IT TOO MANY TIMES OVER THE PAST DECADE THAT
19 A.I.D.S. IS OVER. IT IS NOT OVER. TELL PEOPLE WHO ARE ON SKID
20 ROW, WHO ARE SHARING NEEDLES THAT A.I.D.S. IS OVER. TELL THE
21 RUNAWAY KIDS WHO ARRIVE BY THE BUSLOAD EVERY DAY IN HOLLYWOOD,
22 TELL THEM THAT A.I.D.S. IS OVER. THIS IS AN EPIDEMIC THAT IS
23 BY NO MEANS OVER. AND THIS AWARD, THIS PROCLAMATION, ONLY
24 MAKES ME WORK HARDER AND MAKES ME TRY TO LIVE UP TO THIS
25 ACCOLADE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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2 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR ON ITEM
3 NO. C.S.-4, I'D LIKE TO CALL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE
4 CONTINUANCE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:**-- WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY. THANK YOU.
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. IT IS YOUR RIGHT AND THE BOARD'S INTENT
10 TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC'S PARTICIPATION IN TODAY'S BOARD
11 HEARING. THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE
12 BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT
13 INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS ON
14 BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC OR THE ABILITY OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT IS
16 OPERATIVE DURING TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND ALL ARE REMINDED TO
17 ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING
18 IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME IS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA
19 ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL
20 PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION
21 OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO
22 ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE
23 REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING,
24 WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING
25 DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE

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1 BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF OR PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE
2 SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF
3 AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR
4 OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE BOARD. A PERSON
5 ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO
6 BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT
7 OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR
8 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,
9 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ITEMS 10, 21,
13 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 69-A, 69-C AND C.S.-3. ARNOLD
14 SACHS, 1-D, 1-H, 7, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 67, 34, 35,
15 69-C AND 44. MR. PREVEN. 1-D, 1-H, 7, 4, 8, 9, 21, 22, C.S.-1
16 AND 30. OKAY. WHO'S GOT BINGO? DR. CLAVREUL.

17

18 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
19 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU KNOW, IT IS A BIG JOKE TO EVEN GET
20 THREE MINUTES OF TIME TO SPEAK ON NUMEROUS ITEMS, ESPECIALLY
21 HAVING TO DO WITH HEALTH, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE MOST IMPORTANT
22 ITEM R-2, R-3 AND R-4 ARE ALL CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 15. AND
23 OF COURSE BECAUSE THOSE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEMS BECAUSE
24 IT HAS TO DO WITH THE BUDGETS. AS USUAL, WE DON'T GET IT ON
25 TIME. AND NOT GETTING IT NOW IS A FARCE. BUT AS USUAL, THAT'S

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1 THE WAY YOU ARE OPERATING. AND I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT AFTER
2 AN ITEM IS POSTED AND AGENDIZED, IT IS NOT YOUR RIGHT TO
3 REMOVE IT FROM THE AGENDA. I KNOW YOU HAVE DONE THAT
4 REPEATEDLY FOR THE MANY, MANY, MANY MONTHS. AND I HAVE BEEN
5 VERY, VERY POLITE AND BROUGHT IT TO YOUR ATTENTION. THAT DOES
6 NOT MEAN YOU ARE CHANGING THE RULES. ANYWAY, LIKE I SAID, YOU
7 HAVE DONE IT FOR MONTHS AND SO ON. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT'S
8 RIGHT, AND THERE'S ONLY A FEW WEEKS LEFT TO THE YEAR, SO MAYBE
9 TO MAKE THAT CHANGE WILL BE A NOVELTY. DO IT RIGHT AND
10 LEGALLY. WHEN THOSE ITEMS ARE POSTED, YOU CANNOT CHANGE THEM.
11 AND THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO THEM. I'M JUST VERY
12 CONCERNED WITH WHAT'S GOING ON? ALSO ON ITEM 69-C, WHICH IS
13 THE THE ITEM I'M GOING TO FOCUS ON, IS BECAUSE OF DR. KATZ IS
14 BEING VERY MAGNANIMOUS AND HE'S ONLY GOING TO CHARGE US
15 \$419,065, BUT IS GOING TO HOLD BOTH POSITIONS. AND HOW LEGALLY
16 CAN HE OVERSEE D.H.S. AND BE THE UNIT WHO IS SUPPOSED TO
17 OVERSEE ALL DEPARTMENTS? THIS IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND
18 SHOULD NOT OCCUR. SO I REALLY FEEL YOU SHOULD DEAL WITH THOSE
19 ISSUES. I AM VERY SAD OF WHAT'S GOING ON. AND I'M SAD TO SEE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE THREE MORE MINUTES FROM YOUR
22 DAUGHTER.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH, YES, OF COURSE. SEE, ME, I CAN
25 TRAIN MY DAUGHTER TO OBEY ME. THAT'S QUITE NICE. ANYWAY, THE

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1 CONCERN I HAVE, LIKE I SAID, A LOT OF THE ITEMS WE CANNOT EVEN
2 SPEAK TO IT IN DETAIL. LIKE IT TOOK ME MONTHS TO FINALLY GET A
3 RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON ALL THOSE REQUESTS FOR
4 INFORMATION. AND LIKE TODAY IS AN ITEM WHERE WE ARE INCREASING
5 BY A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN OTHER GROUPS THAT OUR WONDERFUL
6 DR. KATZ BROUGHT WITH HIM FROM SAN FRANCISCO. ITEM 21 WHERE WE
7 HAVE AN INCREASE OF OVER \$2 MILLION-- ACTUALLY IT'S \$3
8 MILLION. IT'S \$2.978, \$3 MILLION. THAT NEEDS TO BE STOPPED,
9 PERIOD. AND ON-- I THINK I WANT TO LEAVE IT HERE TODAY. I HAVE
10 DONE ENOUGH. AND LIKE I SAID, YOU HAVE DR. KATZ WHO HAS BEEN
11 ILLEGALLY PUT IN CHARGE OF THE THREE DEPARTMENTS. YOU HAVE
12 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT ON JANUARY 13. I WANT THAT TO BE DEALT
13 WITH. I WANT A NULLIFICATION OF THAT MEETING AND THAT ITEM AND
14 ALSO AN ADMISSION. AND I WILL USE LEGAL PROCEEDS TO FOLLOW ON
15 THAT ONE. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS, AND I
20 GUESS YOU DID CHANGE THE RULES. I THOUGHT THAT WE WERE ALLOWED
21 TO SPEAK ON ITEMS THAT WERE HELD BY SUPERVISORS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU ARE.

24

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SO THEN I DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK ABOUT IT NOW?
2 BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME UP ON ITEMS THAT YOU HELD. SO THEN IN
3 THAT CASE, I DID HOLD ITEM 69-C. AGAIN, IT'S A CONTRACT THAT'S
4 AS TO FORM. LEGAL AS TO FORM. AND I'M CONFUSED. YOU KNOW, THIS
5 ONE IS APPROVED AS TO FORM. THIS IS A CONTRACT, SOUTHERN
6 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF ANAHEIM.
7 THIS IS AN AGREEMENT FROM JUNE 23RD. THE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN
8 APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNTY COUNSEL. YET THE CITY OF LOS
9 ANGELES ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2015, ITEM 14, 13, 82, S-2, \$600,000
10 IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS SUBJECT TO THE
11 APPROVAL OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY. DOESN'T
12 THAT MEAN ANYTHING? IS THERE AN ATTORNEY UP HERE WHO COULD
13 SPEAK ABOUT THE LEGALITY OF FORMS? BECAUSE YOU CAN GET A FORM-
14 - YOU CAN GO TO JACK IN THE BOX AND GET A FORM. ARE YOU GOING
15 TO SPEND \$250,000 ON AUTHORIZING FORMS. THAT'S SOME OF THAT
16 MUST BE THAT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. I HELD ITEMS 8 AND 11,
17 ACTUALLY, BECAUSE THEY REFER TO SOMETHING I WANT TO SPEAK
18 ABOUT LATER, BUT ITEM 8 REFERS TO OFFICIAL RECORDS KEPT IN THE
19 COUNTY. AND ITEM 11 IS AN AMENDMENT. YOU'RE AMENDING THE
20 ORDINANCE IN ORDER TO CHANGE THE NAME. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT A
21 LITTLE LATER WHEN WE TALK ABOUT CIVIC LESSONS THAT OCCURRED
22 LAST WEEK. AND I HELD ITEMS 34, 37 AND 44. YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE
23 THIS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE ON YOUR AGENDA. YOU'RE GOING TO
24 TALK ABOUT. AND 34 AND 37 YOU'RE OUTSOURCING POSITIONS. SO I'M
25 WONDERING: ARE THEY INCLUSIVE IN THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE?

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1 AND I JUST SAW AN AD IN THE LONG BEACH-- WELL ACTUALLY, THE
2 L.A. TIMES FOR LONG BEACH BUS DRIVERS. WOULD THEY BE SUBJECT
3 TO THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE IF THEY ARE OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES
4 AND DRIVE THROUGH THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY,
5 WOULD THEY HAVE TO PAY THOSE DRIVERS NEW LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE
6 OR THE NEW \$15 MINIMUM WAGE ORDINANCE OR WHATEVER YOU DECIDED
7 ON? AND THEN 49 REFERS TO TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES FOR THE FIRE, A
8 COUPLE DIFFERENT AGENCIES. WELL, YOU'RE NOT OUTSOURCING,
9 YOU'RE GETTING TEMP EMPLOYEES. ARE THEY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
10 THIS LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE? BECAUSE THEY'RE ALWAYS BRINGING IT
11 BACK TO THE IN HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO
12 THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE THAT ARE OUTSIDE THE EXCEPTIONS TO
13 THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE, TO THE \$15 AN HOUR ORDINANCE, TO
14 EVERYTHING EXCEPT THE ONES WHO LIVE IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY OR WAS
15 THAT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. PREVEN?

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SIR, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE
20 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. YOU PUSHED THROUGH ITEM 14
21 BEFORE THE PRESENTATIONS, SIR. THAT IS THE JOHN ANSON FORD
22 NAMING PROGRAM. AND AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN AREA WHERE I'VE
23 TAKEN SOME INTEREST. SO I WOULD RECOMMEND CALLING THE PATH,
24 THE MIKE ANTONOVICH PATH, AND MAYBE WE COULD CALL THE SILENCE
25 WALL THE DON KNABE SILENCE WALL BECAUSE THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF

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1 RAISING MONEY FOR THE JOHN ANSON FORD. I'M CONCERNED FRANKLY,
2 JOKING ASIDE, THAT THIS IS GOING TO INHIBIT DONATING. IF YOU
3 NAME THE BUILDING THE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, PEOPLE ARE NOT INCLINED
4 TO PUT UP A LITTLE NAME NEXT TO IT. I UNDERSTAND THE NEED, BUT
5 WE SHOULD DO SOMETHING MORE LIKE A BIG PLAQUE FOR EVERYBODY
6 MAYBE DESIGNED BY AN ARTIST, MORE OF THE MODEL LIKE A
7 MEMORIAL. OKAY. ITEM R-2, R-3 AND R-4, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I
8 KNOW YOU HAVE TAKEN INTEREST AS OUR NEW LEGAL SCHOLAR.
9 WICKHAM'S GOING TO FINALLY GET ESTABROOK DOWN HERE TO MAKE A
10 PRESENTATION ABOUT HOW BAD IT REALLY IS. BUT WHY ARE WE
11 PUSHING IT TO JANUARY 5? THAT WAS THE WHOLE POINT TO DO IT BY
12 DECEMBER PER SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SO I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND.
13 AND ESTABROOK IS NOT A TERRIBLE GUY. NOT SURE HE IS RELATED TO
14 AN ITEM 7 HAROLD ESTABROOK OF THE ORCHARD DALE WATER DISTRICT.
15 THESE GUYS, THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST HAND-CARRIED DEVELOPMENT
16 PROJECTS FOR 53 UNITS I'VE EVER SEEN. THIS IS NOT EVERY I IS
17 DOTTED, EVERY T IS CROSSED AND THESE GUYS ARE MOVING QUICKLY.
18 NOW, I DID NOTE THAT THERE ARE OIL WELLS IN THIS LAND, OR
19 THERE WERE, SO THAT D.O.G.G.R., THAT FAVORITE GROUP WE'RE
20 TRYING TO DRAG DOWN HERE FOR SOCAL GLASS IS INVOLVED OR WE'RE
21 GOING TO DO A REVIEW AT LEAST. MAYBE WE COULD ASK THEM IF
22 THEY'RE HERE TODAY, BUT THAT IS ASTONISHING. AND HE'S ONLY
23 PROVIDING A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT TO THE TUNE IF
24 I'M NOT MISTAKEN MISTAKEN \$127,000 TO PARKS AND REC, WHICH IS
25 A VERY GOOD DEAL FOR THE GUYS BECAUSE AT THE CITY THEY'RE PAID

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1 EVEN A LITTLE BIT MORE AND THEY ARE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB OVER
2 THERE. CYPRUS SECURITY IN ITEM 37 IS AN EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC
3 WORKS SAYING, "HAVE A LITTLE MORE." THIS IS A GIANT GROUP
4 BASED IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDING SECURITY FOR
5 THIS GROUP AND THEY JUST INCREASING THE SCOPE OF WORK. THERE
6 IS NO R.F.P. WHEN YOU INCREASE THE SCOPE OF WORK. SO THAT'S
7 WHAT THE ISSUE THERE IS. ITEM NO. 22 AND 21 ARE BOTH IN OUR
8 HEALTHCARE SECTOR TO TRY TO HOLD ONTO THE MONEY THAT'S GOING
9 OUT THE DOOR. THE ONE ITEM 21 IS H.M.S. INC. NOW THIS GROUP,
10 PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING FRAUD, THEY GO AND GET THEM. YOU HAVE TO
11 WATCH A BIG COMPANY. THAT SHOULD BE DONE IN-HOUSE OBVIOUSLY BY
12 A PROPER HEALTH SERVICE, BECAUSE IF YOU HAVE AN OUTSIDE GUY,
13 THEY ARE ALSO BUSY CREATING PROBLEMS TO SOLVE. WHO KNOWS ABOUT
14 HOW THAT WORKS? AND ITEM 22 IS GLOBAL HEALTHCARE EXCHANGE. I
15 HAVE TWO WORDS, JOHNSON AND JOHNSON. VERY WORRISOME. YOU GET A
16 GOOD DEAL, BUT ARE YOU REALLY DOING BUSINESS WITH THE PEOPLE
17 YOU WANT TO BE DOING BUSINESS WITH? AND ITEM NO. 9 IS THE
18 GREAT-- I THINK IT'S MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, \$9,140 FOR LIVING THE
19 DREAM LUNCH AND APPROPRIATE PARKING COSTS. BUT SUPERVISOR
20 SOLIS IS NEW. SHE IS GOING TO BE TAKING OVER AS THE CHAIR. FOR
21 HER CHAIR CEREMONY, IT IS \$6,000 AND FREE PARKING, NOT 20
22 TIMES 300. WE LIKE THE MATH DONE UP FRONT SO EVERYBODY KNOWS.
23 THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH IT, BY THE WAY. AND SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL, I KNOW YOU NOTED THE NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ABOUT
25 WOMEN IN PRISON, PLEASE STAND WITH THE PUBLIC AND LET'S GO

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1 AGAINST THE BASIC IDEA OF SHIPPING PEOPLE UP TO LANCASTER AT
2 \$100 MILLION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.
5 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NUMBER 30, WE
6 HAVE DANIEL GOTTLIEB. CARLA ANDRUS. NANCY VERNON MARINO. ROB
7 CALLEJA.

8

9 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** FOR CLARIFICATION,
10 THE ITEMS WE JUST VOTED ON WERE 1-D, 2, 4, 8, 10, 11, 17, 18,
11 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 29, 34, 35, 44, 67 AND 69-C.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT WAS THE MOTION BY KUEHL. SECOND
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. MR. GOTTLIEB? HAS ROB CALLEJA
15 COME UP? CARLA ANDRUS? NANCY VERNON MARINO? AND DANIEL IS
16 COMING. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TIMOTHY O'BRIEN AND RICHARD
17 WINDEBANK.

18

19 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** MY NAME IS DANIEL HENRY GOTTLIEB, PROFESSOR
20 OF MATHEMATICS. THE AGENDA ITEM FOR 30 DOES NOT MENTION THE
21 CITY, MARINA DEL REY. AND IT'S ONLY BECAUSE SOMEONE TOLD US
22 THAT FF WAS BEING DISCUSSED ON THIS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO COME.
23 SO I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK AND FIND OUT WHO IS LEAVING OFF THE
24 CITY NAMES IN AGENDAS BECAUSE THERE'S MILLIONS OF LITTLE
25 CITIES AROUND HERE THAT-- ALL RIGHT. THE LEASE FOR FF DOES NOT

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1 MENTION 9 NEW WETLANDS. INSTEAD, 9-V IS USED FOR THE WETLANDS.
2 SO SOMEBODY IS TRYING TO COVER UP THEIR TRACKS. A RIDICULOUS
3 MISTAKE TO ME. THE NINE NEW WETLANDS WILL BE MOVED AND ALTERED
4 AND THE WETLANDS NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WETLANDS PARK
5 UNOFFICIALLY. THE WETLANDS PARK WILL BE WORKED ON IN TWO DAYS.
6 THERE'S NO FUNDING. WE CAN'T FIND ANY FUNDING FOR THIS. AND
7 IT'S SUPPOSED TO GO ACCORDING TO SECTION 2246-1820 THROUGH THE
8 COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. THIS CONTRADICTS THE USAGES OF THE
9 COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ACCORDING TO SECTION 2246-1950. SO
10 THERE'S A CLASH THERE. AND IT LOOKS LIKE A KIND OF A FRAUD
11 THAT'S GOING ON.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** BECAUSE IN ANOTHER LEASE, THERE'S TWO LEASES
16 INVOLVED.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL ASK FOR AN EXPLANATION ON THAT.

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20 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** AM I FINISHED?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

23

24 **DANIEL GOTTLIEB:** OKAY.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS NANCY VERNON
4 MARINO, AND I AM DIRECTOR OF "WE ARE MARINA DEL REY." THE
5 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPECT OUR
6 ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PEOPLE THEY APPOINT TO FOLLOW
7 THE LAW. WE HAVE A RIGHT TO INSIST THAT YOU HONOR AGREEMENTS
8 AND PROMISES THAT YOU MAKE ON OUR BEHALF. WE ARE CONCERNED
9 THAT THE RECENT PRIVATE DISCLOSURE THAT LEGACY PARTNERS WILL
10 PREPAY INTO THE COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND MONIES TO PROCEED
11 WITH THE FRANKENSTEIN WETLAND ON PARCEL 9-U BEFORE IT HAS
12 SECURED ITS ENTITLEMENTS SMACKS OF A BRIBE FOR YOUR APPROVAL
13 ON THIS ITEM TODAY. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE THREE BOARD
14 MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT PARTY TO BOARD ACTIONS BETWEEN 1995 AND
15 2006 INSTEAD MOVE FOR AND APPROVE A CONTINUANCE OF THIS ITEM
16 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS EACH BOARD MEMBER HAS REVIEWED CERTAIN
17 DOCUMENTS AND CONTRACTS PRECEDENT TO AND PERTAINING TO PARCEL
18 FF DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION'S
19 NON-NEGOTIABLE CONDITION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR PARCEL FF
20 PROTECTIONS AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. ALSO, UNTIL THERE'S
21 A REVIEW BY INDEPENDENT COUNSEL AS TO THE LEGITIMACY OF BOARD
22 ACTIONS PRIOR TO THE R.F.Q., R.F.P. NEGOTIATIONS AND
23 ENTITLEMENT, PROPRIETARY AND REGULATORY ENTITLEMENTS, SOME OF
24 WHICH AT THE TIME OF THEIR EXECUTION WERE IN CONTRAVENTION OF
25 STANDING LAW, AND BY WHAT AUTHORITY DID THE BOARD ACT WITH

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1 DISREGARD FOR OUR LAW? THIRD, UNTIL AN INDEPENDENT
2 INVESTIGATION IS MADE INTO WHETHER ANY PARTY TO THE R.F.Q. AND
3 THE THINGS I MENTIONED KNEW OF THE 9-U WETLAND BEFORE THE SWAP
4 WAS MADE THAT ROBS US OF OUR PARK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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8 **NANCY VERNON MARINO:** AND FINALLY UNTIL THEY CONSULT WITH
9 INDEPENDENT COUNSEL ON THEIR OWN CULPABILITY OR LIABILITY.
10 FAILING THIS, WE ASK FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE ITEM SO THAT
11 EACH SUPERVISOR EXPLICITLY CONFIRMS HIS OR HER FULL AWARENESS
12 AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE DUBIOUS HISTORY OF THIS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM. AND THEN, SIR.

15

16 **CARLA ANDRUS:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS CARLA
17 ANDRUS. I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS
18 TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE. THE PARK ON FF WAS ENFORCEABLE BEFORE
19 THE 2012 AMENDMENT. AND I CAN ABSOLUTELY PROVE THAT, AND I
20 WILL SIT DOWN WITH THE D.A. OFFICE AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT
21 THAT. THIS WAS ENFORCEABLE. AND THEN WHEN WE GOT TO THE
22 COASTAL COMMISSION FOR THE AMENDMENT, THE COUNTY STAFF AND
23 COASTAL COMMISSION STAFF MISLED THE COMMISSIONERS, AND WE HAVE
24 PROOF OF THAT. IN FACT, IT'S WHAT INSPIRED OUR STATE AUDIT OF
25 THE COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND. AND NOW YOU'RE FURTHER

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1 CORRUPTING THIS FUND BY ALLOWING THIS DEVELOPER TO PUT MONEY--
2 FUNNEL MONEY THROUGH OUR COASTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PAY FOR A
3 WETLAND RESTORATION/CONSTRUCTION. EVEN WITHOUT ENTITLEMENTS
4 THEY DO NOT HOLD A VALID LEASE. THEIR LEASE RUNS OUT IN A
5 COUPLE OF MONTHS. IT'S OVER. WE HAVE 8 YEARS LEFT ON THE 60-
6 YEAR COVENANT TERM OF THIS ORIGINAL LEASE. THE ORIGINAL LEASE
7 WAS FOR 60 YEARS. IT WAS A COVENANT OF THE BOND THAT THAT
8 WOULD BE 60-YEAR TERMS. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT I
9 THINK THE D.A. WILL BE INTERESTED IN IN REGARDS TO THIS. AND I
10 WOULD ACTUALLY LIKE TO SIT WITH THE SUPERVISORS AND GO OVER
11 WHAT I HAVE TO SHOW YOU THAT WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS SERIOUS
12 BECAUSE YOU HAVE SET YOURSELF UP FOR REVOCATION. AND WE'RE NOT
13 JUST GOING TO WALK IN THERE BLIND. WE ALREADY HAVE A STATE
14 AUDIT THAT SHOWS THAT THE COUNTY HAS TERRIBLY MISMANAGED THIS
15 FUND.

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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19 **CARLA ANDRUS:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, SIR.

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23 **TIMOTHY O'BRIEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIM
24 O'BRIEN. I'M WITH LEGACY PARTNERS. LEGACY PARTNERS IS THE
25 SPONSOR OF THE NEPTUNE MARINA PROJECT. WE RESPONDED TO AN

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1 R.F.P. IN 1998. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT WE'VE BEEN AT THIS
2 FOR ABOUT 17 YEARS. WE'VE GONE THROUGH COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF
3 PUBLIC HEARINGS BOTH AT A LOCAL LEVEL AND HERE IN FRONT OF
4 THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M VERY HAPPY TO BE HERE TODAY.
5 YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR APPROVAL TODAY IS REALLY THE FINAL
6 APPROVAL REQUIRED TO START CONSTRUCTION ON THIS PROJECT. AND
7 THIS IS A PROJECT THAT REPRESENTS OVER A \$250 MILLION
8 INVESTMENT. IT WILL USHER IN PREVAILING WAGE RATES FOR THE
9 PROJECT, WHICH ARE SUBSTANTIAL. IN ADDITION, IT WILL HELP FUND
10 THE WETLAND PARK, WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COASTAL
11 COMMISSION. AND, FURTHER, IT WILL PROVIDE 81 AFFORDABLE
12 HOUSING UNITS. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DEEP AFFORDABILITY
13 HERE. SO IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT VOTE. AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR
14 CONSIDERATION TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

17

18 **ROBERT CALLEJA:** I'M ROBERT CALLEJA, ALSO WITH LEGACY PARTNERS.
19 I JUST WANT TO ADD A COUPLE OF ITEMS TO MY COLLEAGUE, TIM,
20 SAID. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TODAY. IT HAS
21 BEEN A LONG ROAD COMING HERE. I JUST WANTED TO ADD ON THE
22 PREVAILING WAGES THAT REALLY WHAT DROVE THE ITEM BEFORE YOU
23 TODAY, THOSE AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW ARE SET BY THE STATE. THEY
24 ARE COMING INTO FORCE ON THIS PROJECT. AND WE'RE ACTUALLY
25 REQUIRED TO SPEND THE MONEY ON THOSE WAGES. AND WE'RE HAPPY TO

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1 DO SO. AND WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

5

6 **RICHARD WINDEBANK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICHARD WINDEBANK.
7 AND I'M THE COMMODORE OF FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB IN MARINA DEL REY
8 AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE LEGACY PARTNERS PROJECT.
9 I'LL FIRST EXPLAIN WHO FAIR WIND YACHT CLUB IS AND THEN I'LL
10 DISCUSS RELEVANCE TO THE PROJECT. FAIRWIND YACHT CLUB IS A NOT
11 FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES AFFORDABLE SAILING TO
12 LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME MEMBERS OF SOCIETY. THE CLUB HAS NO
13 PREMISES, NO EMPLOYEES AND NONE OF OUR MEMBERS OWN ANY
14 INDIVIDUAL BOATS. OUR CLUB OWNS ALL THE BOATS. WE OWN 26 BOATS
15 RANGING FROM 20 TO 40 FEET. WE HAVE 460 MEMBERS. AND WE ARE AN
16 AUTHORIZED SAILING CLUB WITH THE AMERICAN SAILING ASSOCIATION.
17 WHEN SOMEBODY JOINS OUR CLUB, THEY PAY DUES OF \$115 PER
18 QUARTER AND THEY PAY NOTHING ADDITIONAL TO TAKE OUR BOATS OUT
19 NOR FOR THEIR TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION. AS FAR AS LEGACY
20 PARTNERS IS CONCERNED, WHEN THEY DEVELOP AN APARTMENT COMPLEX,
21 AS YOU'VE HEARD, THEY DESIGNATE A NUMBER OF THE UNITS TO LOWER
22 INCOME HOUSING. WHEN THEY DEVELOP A MARINA, THEY DEVELOP--
23 THEY DESIGNATE A NUMBER OF SLIPS TO LOWER INCOME BOATING. FAIR
24 WIND IS THE VEHICLE TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. WE ORGANIZE AND WE
25 FACILITATE BROADER PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MARINA AND ACCESS TO

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1 FAIR WIND BOATS SO THAT LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME PEOPLE CAN
2 HAVE ACCESS TO THIS WONDERFUL GEM OF MARINA DEL REY AND THE
3 BOATS THAT WE PROVIDE. MOST OF MARINA DEL REY IS 50 YEARS OLD
4 AND IS RUN DOWN. MUCH OF IT IS IN DESPERATE NEED FOR AN
5 UPLIFT. THIS PROJECT WILL GIVE IT AN UPLIFT, AND I FULLY
6 SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AND I HOPE YOU WILL, TOO. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. COULD WE ASK COUNTY
9 COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO A COUPLE OF THE POINTS THAT WERE MADE?
10 THE FIRST SPEAKER WAS TALKING ABOUT NOT HAVING CITIES
11 MENTIONED OR--

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, THERE NEEDS TO BE A POINT OF
14 ORDER ESTABLISHED. WHY DON'T WE HAVE THE SERGEANTS CAUSE WHAT
15 WE NEED TO DO TO HAVE AN ORDERLY MEETING. WE HAVE A WHOLE LOT
16 OF PEOPLE STANDING UP IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT PLACES. I THINK
17 THE SERGEANTS NEED TO DO THEIR JOB AND CAUSE PEOPLE TO TAKE
18 THEIR SEATS. AND THAT WOULD BE, EVERYBODY, SIR. MR. MAYOR?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** COUNSEL?

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22 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, MR. MAYOR, IS THERE ANYTHING
23 SPECIFIC YOU WOULD LIKE US TO FOCUS ON?

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE FIRST SPEAKER ARE MENTIONED
2 COMMENTS RELATIVE TO NOT EVERY CITY WAS MENTIONED OR THERE WAS
3 A CHANGE IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.

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5 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** OH, IN THE NOTICE ON THE AGENDA?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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9 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** WE FEEL THE NOTICE WAS ADEQUATE TO
10 COMPLY WITH THE BROWN ACT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. QUESTIONS? OKAY. WE HAVE A
13 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION?
14 NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR
15 KUEHL?

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I CALL YOUR ATTENTION
18 TO ITEM 12, WHICH IS A MOTION TO-- CONCERNING A FIVE-SIGNATURE
19 LETTER THAT WE SENT IN JUNE TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO ENABLE
20 THE CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING ON THE
21 VETERANS' AFFAIRS CAMPUS IN WEST LOS ANGELES. AND THE LETTER
22 ALSO EXPRESSED-- OUR LETTER EXPRESSED THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT FOR
23 THE USE OF THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL AT THE WEST LOS ANGELES
24 V.A. IN SEPTEMBER, SENATOR FEINSTEIN INTRODUCED A BILL, S2013,
25 THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS VETERANS LEASING ACT OF 2015. AND ON

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1 SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2015, CONGRESSMAN TED LIEU INTRODUCED
2 H.R.3484, MIRROR LEGISLATION, ALSO CALLED THE LOS ANGELES
3 HOMELESS VETERANS' LEASING ACT OF 2015 TO AUTHORIZE THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TO CARRY OUT LEASES AT THE V.A.
5 WEST L.A. CAMPUS FOR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, FOR HEALTH,
6 EDUCATION, FAMILY SUPPORT, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND OTHER
7 SERVICES THAT PRINCIPALLY BENEFIT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES.
8 SO, CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ARE JUST BEGINNING THIS MONTH TO
9 REVIEW THE BILLS. THIS MOTION WOULD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE
10 LETTER TO THE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT
11 S2013 AND H.R.3484. HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO READ IN AN AMENDMENT
12 TO THIS BECAUSE IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT WE WERE ALSO
13 HOPING TO HAVE A METRO SUBWAY STOP AT THE V.A. CAMPUS. AND
14 THAT'S NOT REFLECTED IN THE MOTION IN EITHER ONE OF THE BILLS
15 PROPOSED. SO THE MOTION WOULD NOW SAY, AS AMENDED, "I MOVE
16 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO
17 THE COUNTY'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT S2013 AND
18 H.R.3484 IF AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE V.A. TO ALLOW FOR THE
19 CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A METRO SUBWAY STOP ON THE WEST
20 L.A. MEDICAL CENTER PROPERTY AND TWO, DIRECT THE COUNTY'S
21 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. TO SUPPORT S2013 AND
22 H.R.3484 IF AMENDED, TO AUTHORIZE THE V.A. TO ALLOW FOR THE
23 CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A METRO SUBWAY STOP ON THE WEST
24 LOS ANGELES MEDICAL CENTER PROPERTY."

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT. AND THE MOTION AND SECOND AND WE
2 HAVE ONE PUBLIC SPEAKER. MR. ARNOLD SACHS.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT POWERFUL FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER
6 FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES IN
7 WASHINGTON. REPRESENTATIVES OR YOUR LOBBYISTS? PROBLEM WITH
8 HAVING METRO CREATE A STATION AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL, DO YOU
9 HAVE A YEAR IN FOCUS IN THE CRYSTAL BALL FOR WHEN YOU EXPECT
10 METRO TO DO THIS? IS THIS GOING TO BE LIKE IN THE YEAR 2525?
11 IS THIS GOING TO BE 7 HALF-CENT SALES TAX DOWN THE HIGHWAY? WE
12 KNOW THE LAST HALF CENT SALES TAX MEASURE R IS GOING TO DO ALL
13 THIS CRAP. BUT IT'S ONLY A COUPLE OF HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS
14 BEHIND BUDGET. THE \$40 BILLION, YOU'RE NOT EVEN AT THE \$15
15 BILLION. SO THE FUNDING FOR THIS ITEM THAT YOU ARE REQUESTING
16 THIS LETTER ON IS KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE OTHER PROGRAMS
17 YOU HAVE AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL AND THE LAND AND THE CENTER. WE
18 HAVE ALL THIS HOUSING. AND THE HOUSING THAT'S ASKED FOR. WHAT
19 ABOUT JUST REGULAR HOUSING? NOT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WHERE YOU
20 NEED GOVERNMENT WORKERS OR SOCIAL WORKERS TO ASSIST. YOU NEED
21 TWO TYPES OF HOUSING. YOU NEED SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND YOU NEED
22 AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH IS NOT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BECAUSE IT
23 DOESN'T REQUIRE SOCIAL WORKERS. IT'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT
24 PEOPLE COULD ACTUALLY LIVE IN, THAT THE VETS CAN ACTUALLY LIVE
25 IN. WHERE ARE YOU GUYS AT? YOUR PREDECESSOR WAS SUPERVISOR FOR

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1 OVER 20 YEARS, GOT ZERO HOUSING BUILT. WHAT IS THIS TIMEFRAME?
2 WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE? WHAT IS CONCRETE? EXCEPT YOUR IDEAS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE A MOTION, AMENDED
5 AND SECONDED AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE WERE GOING
6 TO HAVE THE GAS COMPANY BUT THEY'RE NOT HERE YET. THAT'S WHY
7 WE'RE MOVING THE AGENDA AS WE ARE. THEY ARE COMING OVER FROM
8 TESTIFYING AT CITY HALL. SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM. WE COULD DO
9 ITEM-- DO THE ITEM 47? DON? WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THE 11
10 O'CLOCK, LET'S DO OUR ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. WE WILL MOVE THAT
11 WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF NOD MULVILLE WHO PASSED AWAY AT
12 THE AGE OF 80 NOVEMBER 26. GRADUATE OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL,
13 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. HE WAS INSURANCE AGENT,
14 FINANCIAL PLANNER HELPING FIREFIGHTERS AND DISABILITIES IN
15 NEED THROUGH LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS. HE'S SURVIVED BY
16 HIS CHILDREN. FRANK CROWHURST, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF PASADENA,
17 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91 GRADUATED U.S.C., FOUNDER OF
18 CROWHURST AIR CONDITIONING. SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF EXCHANGE
19 CLUB, THE Y.M.C.A. MEN'S CLUB, THE FINE ARTS CLUB OF PASADENA
20 AND THE U.S.C.'S HALF- CENTURY TROJANS CLUB. LONGTIME MEMBER
21 OF LAKE AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND ACTIVE WITH THE
22 VOYAGERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS. SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN.
23 HE WAS A WONDERFUL FRIEND, WONDERFUL COMMUNITY LEADER. DUANE
24 HARTE, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY
25 FOR 23 YEARS. RETIRING AS CHIEF PETTY OFFICER. OWNED HIS

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1 BUSINESS, ACADEMY ADDRESSING AND MAILING IN SUN VALLEY. ACTIVE
2 IN THE COMMUNITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SANTA CLARITA PARKS
3 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION AND WAS THE 2003
4 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY MAN OF THE YEAR AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE
5 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY'S VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE AND
6 FOUNDING PRESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SENIOR CENTER
7 CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AND TREASURER OF CHAIRMAN OF THE SANTA
8 CLARITA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND WITH THE BOYS AND GIRLS'
9 CLUB AND NEWHALL AMERICAN LEGION AND THE SANTA CLARITA ELKS
10 LODGE. QUITE A COMMUNITY LEADER, AND OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH HIS
11 FAMILY, AS WELL. GLENN CAMPBELL RETIRED DEPUTY FROM THE
12 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PASSED AWAY. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS
13 NORWALK 1991. LLOYD REED, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE OFFICER,
14 TRAGICALLY KILLED AT THE AGE OF 54. HAD 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE.
15 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE. AND GARRETT SWASEY, COLORADO SPRINGS
16 POLICE OFFICER TRAGICALLY KILLED AT THE AGE OF 44 ON NOVEMBER
17 27TH. SERVED WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO
18 SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SIX YEARS BEFORE BECOMING A
19 POLICE OFFICER. WAS A U.S. FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPION,
20 MULTIPLE TIME NATIONAL QUALIFIER FOR THE OLYMPICS AND ELDER
21 CO-PASTOR OF THE HOPE CHAPEL COLORADO SPRINGS. SURVIVED BY HIS
22 WIFE RACHEL AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
23 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. DO YOU HAVE
24 ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. MAYOR ANTONOVICH AND I
2 MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF KURT GENSICKE, FORMER
3 DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IN DISTRICT APPRAISALS FOR THE OFFICE
4 OF THE ASSESSOR, PASSED AWAY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2015 FROM
5 CANCER. CURT WAS A 37 YEAR OLD VETERAN OF THE COUNTY WAS VERY
6 WELL LIKED AND RESPECTED BY MANY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUES. HE
7 BEGAN HIS CAREER IN 1978 AS APPRAISER TRAINEE. FROM THERE HE
8 WENT ON TO SERVE IN NEARLY EVERY DIVISION AND SUBDEPARTMENT OF
9 THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR ALONG WITH SERVING AS THE CHIEF OF
10 THE EAST DISTRICT OFFICE, KURT HAD THE UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF
11 HAVING SERVED AS A DIRECTOR FOR ALL MAJOR SUBDEPARTMENTS IN
12 THE OFFICE. KURT GRADUATED FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
13 FULLERTON WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
14 AND ACCOUNTING. HE ALSO HELD CERTIFICATES FROM CALIFORNIA
15 STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION, CAL STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE,
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY. KURT WAS A FAN OF
17 BASKETBALL BOTH WATCHING SPORTS AND PLAYING ON THE COURT AS
18 WELL AS U.C.L.A. SPORTS. HE WAS ALSO A VOLUNTEER IN HIS TIME
19 MOST RECENTLY ON THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD IN MEXICO.
20 KURT WAS ALSO A FAMILY MAN VACATIONING WITH HIS LOVED ONES.
21 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE KRISTEN FOWLER AND HIS CHILDREN
22 JOSHUA GENSICKE, DANIEL GENSICKE, MARCUS GENSICKE, AND
23 BRITTNEY FOWLER-FINK AND DILLON FOWLER. THANK YOU.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 SO ORDERED. DON, DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?
3 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. WOULD YOU
6 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF HENRY "HANK" CLARK, JR.
7 BORN ON AUGUST 13, 1930 AND HE PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 10TH AT
8 THE AGE OF 85. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
9 BERKELEY WITH A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN POLITICAL
10 SCIENCE AND IN 1947. HE SERVED AS THE SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE
11 UNITED STATES ARMY AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF FIRST
12 LIEUTENANT. FOLLOWING HIS ACTIVE DUTY TOUR, HE JOINED THE ARMY
13 RESERVES AND CONTINUED HIS EDUCATION EARNING A MASTER'S IN
14 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM THE HARVARD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
15 AND WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN HIS RESERVE UNIT. AND THEN IN
16 1969 MR. CLARK AND HIS WIFE BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-
17 AMERICAN OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF THE MCDONALD'S FRANCHISE AND
18 OPENED TWO LOCATIONS IN THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES.
19 THE BUSINESSES PROVIDED MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY
20 WITH THEIR FIRST EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS THE
21 SUPPORT OF LOCAL SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING LITTLE LEAGUE
22 BASEBALL AND POP WARNER FOOTBALL PROGRAMS, JUST TO NAME SOME.
23 IT WAS IN 1972 HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PASADENA SCHOOL BOARD
24 WHERE HE SERVED FOR 2-1/2 YEARS AND WAS APPOINTED TO THE U.C.
25 BERKELEY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WHERE HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE

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1 BLAIR LAYER SUMMER CAMP IN THE SIERRA MOUNTAINS. HE WILL BE
2 REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF EDUCATION AND HIS PASSION FOR
3 COMMUNITY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOAN, THEIR SONS CRAIG
4 AND BRIAN, DAUGHTER LISA, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, A HOST OF FAMILY
5 MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL MISS
6 HIM DEARLY. MAYOR, THAT'S HENRY "HANK" CLARK, JR. THEN I'D
7 LIKE FOR YOU TO JOIN ME IN MEMORY OF VIRGINIA TAYLOR HUGHES.
8 MS. HUGHES WAS BORN ON JANUARY THE 18TH, 1946 AND SHE PASSED
9 ON NOVEMBER THE 17 AT THE AGE OF 69. SHE WAS THE FOUNDER AND
10 PRESIDENT OF MERCHANTS FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, A COMMUNITY-
11 BASED ORGANIZATION COMPRISED OF LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS, CLERGY
12 AND LAW ENFORCEMENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO WORK TOGETHER FOR
13 EQUAL APPLICATION OF THE LAW. THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION, MS.
14 HUGHES HOSTED A WEEKLY BARBECUE AT HER HOME FOR LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN ORDER TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE COMMUNITIES OF WHICH SHE
17 WAS A PART IN LOS ANGELES. SHE ORGANIZED THE ANNUAL BLACK
18 HISTORY PARADE ON WESTERN AVENUE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING
19 BOULEVARD TO SLAUSON AVENUE AND IT THRIVED FOR SOME 25 YEARS.
20 THEN IN 1993, MS. HUGHES FOUNDED AND OPERATED THE SLAUSON
21 WESTERN YOUTH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AND IT WAS AN ORGANIZATION
22 COMMITTED TO EDUCATING MINORITY YOUTH BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8
23 AND 12 ABOUT TRICULTURAL AWARENESS. SHE WAS A RECIPIENT OF
24 NUMEROUS AWARDS INCLUDING THE ROSA PARKS AWARD, WOMAN OF THE
25 YEAR AWARD AND THE AMBASSADOR OF GOODWILL AWARD. SHE WAS ALSO

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1 HONORED WITH THE APPOINTMENT AS THE HONORARY FIRE CHIEF FOR
2 THE DAY IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR
3 HER PASSION, HER DETERMINATION AND HER WITNESS TO SERVE HER
4 COMMUNITY THROUGH HARD WORK AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS. MS.
5 HUGHES IS SURVIVED BY A HOST OF FAMILY, FRIENDS, MEMBERS AND
6 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL
7 MISS HER DEARLY. AND, FINALLY, MR. MAYOR, MAY I ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF WILLIAM LOCKHART, BORN JULY THE 7TH, 1936 AND HE
9 PASSED ON NOVEMBER THE 25TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY A HOST OF
10 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. HE WAS ONE OF THE
11 LEADING LIGHTS AT THE NORMANDIE CHURCH OF CHRIST, A STALWART
12 MEMBER OF THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS AND THE ECONOMIC
13 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE THERE AND ONE WHO LIVED A LIFE COMMITTED
14 TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY. WILLIAM LOCKHART. MR.
15 MAYOR, THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE
18 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES PRIDEAUX. HE WAS
19 A RESIDENT OF WEST HILLS. T.V. MOVIE WRITER JAMES PRIDEAUX
20 DIED ON NOVEMBER 18TH. HE WROTE MOVIES FOR KATHARINE HEPBURN
21 AND ELIZABETH TAYLOR AND A PLAY FOR WHICH JULIE HARRIS WON A
22 TONY AWARD FOR BEST ACTRESS. AS A YOUNG MAN, HE WANTED TO BE
23 AN ACTOR, BUT HE FOUND HIS CALLING AS A WRITER. AND IT WAS
24 KATHARINE HEPBURN WHO IN THE LATE 1960S PERSUADED HIM TO WRITE
25 HIS FIRST SCREENPLAY. A COLLECTION OF HIS MEMOIRS, "KNOWING

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1 HEPBURN AND OTHER CURIOUS EXPERIENCES," WAS PUBLISHED IN 1996.
2 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS NIECES, KELLY STOKOE AND PATRICIA LEE
3 OLIVAL AND NEPHEWS JEFFREY, WILLIAM AND DAVID PRIDDY.
4 COLLEAGUES, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN
5 MEMORY OF HILDA HESSEL STARK WHO DIED IN SANTA MONICA AT THE
6 AGE OF 94. IN THE 1940S, SHE WAS ONE OF ONLY 150,000 WOMEN WHO
7 JOINED THE WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II.
8 INITIALLY MEMBERS. W.A.C. WERE TRIVIALIZED IN THE PRESS,
9 SUBJECT TO SMEAR CAMPAIGNS. BUT BY THE END OF THE WAR, GENERAL
10 DOUGLAS MACARTHUR CALLED THE W.A.C.S "MY BEST SOLDIERS,"
11 SAYING THEY WORKED HARDER, COMPLAINED LESS AND WERE BETTER
12 DISCIPLINED THAN HIS MEN. MISS STARK ROSE TO THE RANK OF
13 SERGEANT. AFTER THE WAR SHE SERVED AS PERSONAL SECRETARY TO
14 CHARLES FAHY, U.S.A. SOLICITOR GENERAL, DURING THE NUREMBURG
15 TRIALS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER AL HESSEL, SEVEN NEPHEWS
16 AND NIECES AND 13 GRAND NEPHEWS AND NIECES. THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY. WE WILL BE
21 TAKING UP ITEM P-1, AS THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 3, SPEAKERS
22 WILL BE GIVEN ONE SET TIME TO ADDRESS BOTH ITEMS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FIRST WE'VE-- OKAY. IF WE COULD HAVE
2 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, RON BROWN, AND ALSO PUBLIC DEFENDER DR.
3 BOB ROSS. INGRID ARCHE, PERSON WITH DIRECT-- SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR, AND
6 MEMBERS AND AUDIENCE. I'D LIKE TO THANK MEMBERS OF THE
7 AUDIENCE AND MY CO-SPONSOR FOR THIS PARTICULAR MOTION,
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND HIS STAFF, FOR WORKING WITH MY
9 STAFF ON THIS MOTION. I WANT TO ALSO EXPRESS MY SINCERE THANKS
10 TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS THAT HELPED US FORMULATE
11 WHAT I BELIEVE IS GOING TO BE A REMARKABLE MOTION AND
12 PRESENTATION THAT WILL, I THINK, PROVIDE THE KIND OF
13 LEADERSHIP THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE LOOKING FOR HERE IN THE
14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE PRIMARY
15 PURPOSE OF THE MOTION TODAY IS TO REDUCE CRIME BY REMOVING
16 BARRIERS THAT PREVENT MEN AND WOMEN FROM LEAVING INCARCERATION
17 AND FROM INTEGRATING BACK INTO SOCIETY. AS WE ALL KNOW, JAIL
18 AND PRISON HAVE BECOME A REVOLVING DOOR. THIS IS PARTLY
19 BECAUSE WE RELEASE THESE MEN AND WOMEN WITHOUT GIVING MUCH
20 THOUGHT FOR HOW THEY'RE GOING TO RESTART THEIR LIVES. IN
21 TRUTH, WE MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR THEM. HAVING A
22 FELONY CONVICTION MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO GET WORK, TO GET
23 HOUSING, TO GET SERVICES, AND TO PUT YOUR LIFE BACK TOGETHER.
24 SO THESE MEN AND WOMEN COME OUT OF JAIL AND FIND THEMSELVES
25 HOMELESS, UNTREATED AND MANY UNEMPLOYED. IS IT ANY WONDER THAT

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1 THEY CONTINUE TO COMMIT CRIMES? WE NEED TO BE SMARTER ABOUT
2 ALL OF THIS. WE NEED TO BUILD A PIPELINE THAT CONNECTS THESE
3 MEN AND WOMEN TO HOUSING, JOBS AND SERVICES. THIS MOTION TODAY
4 IS ABOUT BUILDING THAT PIPELINE. AND JUST A LITTLE BIT ABOUT
5 THE BACKGROUND ON PROPOSITION 47 AND THE CURRENT STATE. AS
6 MANY OF YOU KNOW, LAST MONTH, WE PASSED THE ONE YEAR
7 ANNIVERSARY OF PROPOSITION 47. PROPOSITION 47 RELEASED SEVERAL
8 NONSERIOUS NONVIOLENT CRIMES FROM FELONIES TO MISDEMEANORS,
9 THESE INCLUDED CRIMES LIKE SHOPLIFTING, POSSESSION OF DRUGS
10 FOR PERSONAL USE AND WRITING BAD CHECKS. 64 PERCENT OF LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS, AS YOU KNOW, SUPPORTED PROPOSITION 47,
12 AS DID 60 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS. VOTERS RECOGNIZE THAT
13 OUR CURRENT PATH OF OVER INCARCERATION WAS UNSUSTAINABLE. PROP
14 47 WAS A GOOD LAW, BUT IT NEEDS HELP TO REALIZE ITS TRUE
15 PROMISE. PROP 47 SHOULD HAVE APPLIED AUTOMATICALLY. BUT,
16 INSTEAD, IT REQUIRES THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO APPLY. THE PUBLIC
17 DEFENDER ESTIMATES THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 700,000
18 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALONE. FEW ARE AWARE
19 OF WHAT THE IMPLICATIONS ARE OF PROP 47. IN FACT, THE
20 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT DID A SURVEY RECENTLY THAT REVEALED THAT
21 ONLY 29 PERCENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS WERE EVEN
22 AWARE OF WHAT PROP 47 WAS. EVEN FEWER COULD AFFORD A LAWYER TO
23 HELP THEM NAVIGATE THIS PROCESS. THIS IS WHERE THE COUNTY
24 NEEDS TO STEP IN, IN MY OPINION, AND WE NEED TO DO THREE
25 THINGS. ONE, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE WHO IS

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1 ELIGIBLE GETS THEIR RECORD REDUCED. NUMBER 2, WE NEED TO USE
2 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LINK THEM TO JOBS AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES.
3 AND, THIRD, WE NEED TO INVESTIGATE HOW PROPOSITION 47 CHANGED
4 THE COUNTY'S BUDGET NEEDS OVERALL. SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES MIGHT
5 ASK IF IT'S THE COUNTY'S JOB TO DO THIS. I WANT TO CLARIFY:
6 INDEED, IT IS. YES, IT IS THE COUNTY'S JOB TO KEEP OUR
7 RESIDENTS SAFE. AND IT IS THE COUNTY'S JOB TO HELP RESIDENTS
8 FIND EMPLOYMENT. AND IT IS THE COUNTY'S JOB TO BUILD A
9 PIPELINE FROM PRISON TO PRODUCTIVE CITIZENSHIP AND
10 REINTEGRATION INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR
11 THRIVING HOMES. IT DOESN'T HELP OUR CONSTITUENTS TO SPEND TIME
12 CRITICIZING WHAT THE STATE HAS DONE OR NOT DONE, BUT IT'S OUR
13 JOB TO MAKE IT WORK. BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS ALONE AS WE
14 ALL KNOW. AND OUR MOTION TODAY PROPOSES AN UNPRECEDENTED
15 COLLABORATION. WE BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD USE ITS CONVENING
16 POWERS TO BRING TOGETHER LEADING STAKEHOLDERS IN OUR
17 COMMUNITY. AND THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY BRINGS TOGETHER
18 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE
19 LABOR, L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF LABOR, PHILANTHROPY,
20 CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE
21 ARCHDIOCESE, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE
22 CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE AND L.A. VOICE.
23 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS LIKE L.A. TRADE TECH. THEY WILL ALL
24 HELP US DEVELOP A SERIES OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO
25 BUILD THIS PIPELINE OUT. AND YOU WILL HEAR SOME VERY IMPORTANT

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1 IDEAS FROM MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS IN A MOMENT. WE SHOULD
2 ALSO PARTNER WITH OUR GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS. WE'LL ALSO HEAR
3 SUPPORT FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR OUR PROPOSAL, THAT WE JOIN
4 TOGETHER TO TAKE A REGIONAL APPROACH TO SECURING STATE FUNDING
5 THAT WILL BECOME ESSENTIAL AS WE REDISTRIBUTE THOSE DOLLARS.
6 AND IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO TAKE THAT FIGHT TO SACRAMENTO, AS
7 WELL THAT THAT FUNDING THAT IS SO SORELY NEEDED HERE STAY HERE
8 IN L.A. COUNTY. SOME PEOPLE MIGHT TRY TO TELL YOU THAT WE
9 DON'T NEED AN AUDIT BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY REAL SAVINGS, BUT
10 I BELIEVE THERE IS A COST SAVINGS, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT
11 THERE ARE AT LEAST SOME HARD COSTS SAVINGS THAT WE KNOW ABOUT.
12 BEFORE PROP 47, OUR JAIL POPULATION, AS YOU MAY KNOW, WAS
13 ABOUT 19,000 INMATES. AFTER PROP 47, IT DROPPED TO 15,000. AT
14 THE VERY LEAST, 12,000 FEWER MEALS A DAY ARE NEEDED TO BE PAID
15 FOR NOW. 4,000 MULTIPLIED BY THREE MEALS A DAY. THERE ARE ALSO
16 UNDOUBTEDLY SIGNIFICANT OTHER SOFT SAVING COSTS THAT WE COULD
17 ACCRUE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S CASELOAD DROPPED
18 BECAUSE THESE CASES SHIFTED TO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AND
19 THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S CASELOAD DROPPED IN SIMILAR MANNER.
20 THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE NOT NECESSARILY NEGATIVE, BUT THE
21 PUBLIC NEEDS SOME CLEAR ACCOUNTING AND NEEDS TO ALSO BE AWARE
22 OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO REALLOCATE THOSE DOLLARS. THE BOARD HAS
23 UNDERTAKEN A REMARKABLE TRANSFORMATION WITH ADDRESSING
24 CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN ESSENCE, THE COUNTY
25 IS BUILDING A PIPELINE TO CONNECT THOSE INSIDE WITH JOBS AND

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1 SERVICES OUTSIDE. THIS IS AN ENDEAVOR THAT COULD TAKE DECADES.
2 BUT OUR COMMUNITIES CAN'T WAIT LONG. WE NEED TO MOVE. AND I
3 ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT IN TAKING THIS NEW STEP ALONG SO THAT THE
4 COUNTY CAN HAVE A CLEAR PATH. MR. MAYOR, I'M FINISHED AND
5 WOULD LIKE TO ASK MY CO-AUTHOR, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, IF HE
6 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A STATEMENT, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR.
11 ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPROPRIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP AND CONCERN ON THE MATTER THAT IS
13 BEFORE US, A LONG-STANDING COMMITMENT THAT IS BEING ADVANCED
14 TODAY. I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY THAT TODAY DOES MARK AN
15 OCCASION WHERE COLLECTIVELY WE CAN TAKE A STEP FORWARD TO
16 REMOVE THE SHACKLES OF INSTITUTIONALIZED JUDGMENT THAT
17 EFFECTIVELY IMPEDE THE PROGRESS AND THE ELEVATION OF THE
18 DIGNITY OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE CALL IT A
19 MATTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE EQUITY. THIS MOTION IS CONCEIVED IN
20 THE HOPE OF GIVING THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE BY LAW, ELIGIBLE, A
21 SECOND CHANCE. THIS WAS A DIFFERENT KIND OF VENUE TODAY, I'D
22 ASK THE QUESTION: IS THERE ANYBODY HERE TODAY THAT BELIEVES IN
23 A SECOND CHANCE? [APPLAUSE.] IT IS NOT THAT VENUE. [GAVEL.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE DON'T ALLOW APPLAUSE. BUT IF YOU
2 WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, YOU JUST LIFT THE ROOF.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APOLOGIZE, MR. MAYOR. IT IS NOT THAT
5 KIND OF VENUE. I JUST THOUGHT I'D PUT IT ON THE RECORD. IF IT
6 WERE, SOMEBODY OUGHT TO SAY SOMETHING. SO IT'S IN PART
7 INSPIRED BY THE FAITH THAT THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
8 PROP 47 RELIEF CAN IN FACT DO SO. WE AS A BOARD HAVE THE
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO ASSIST OUR CONSTITUENTS IN REMOVING BARRIERS
10 SO THAT INDIVIDUALS CAN RECLAIM AND INDEED REBUILD THEIR
11 LIVES. THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT. STATEWIDE, THIS PARTICULAR
12 PROPOSITION PASSED BY SOME 58.5 PERCENT. AND IN THE COUNTY OF
13 LOS ANGELES, IT WAS 63.4 PERCENT. IT COULDN'T BE MORE CLEAR
14 THAT THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN. AND INCREASINGLY SO, AND WE'VE
15 GOTTEN THAT MESSAGE IN TERMS OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM. IT IS
16 NOT AT ALL IRRELEVANT THAT THIS BOARD HAS MOVED FORWARD WITH
17 THE AGENDA OF ITS OWN IN TERMS OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
18 RE-ENTRY, WHICH IS QUITE CONSISTENT IN SQUARING WITH THE
19 OBJECTIVES OF PROP 47. AND SO THAT YES VOTE ESSENTIALLY
20 DEMANDED THAT POLICYMAKERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS
21 PURSUE EVIDENCE-BASED ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THIS
22 BOARD GETS THAT AND IS ESSENTIALLY LAUNCHING THAT. SO AGAIN
23 TODAY UNDERSCORES THE SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO MOVE IN THE
24 DIRECTION OF REHABILITATION WHERE APPROPRIATE RATHER THAN
25 INCARCERATION AND TO MOVE, THAT IS TO REMOVE THE BARRIERS TO

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1 TRANSFORMING PEOPLE'S LIVES AND A HIGHER PURSUIT OF JUSTICE.
2 SO PROP 47, I THINK, IS ABOUT REDUCING PRISON WASTE AND
3 EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING EXPANDED ACCESS TO SERVICES
4 AND PROGRAMS. AND WE ARE OBLIGED TO MAKE SURE THOSE PROGRAMS
5 ARE IN PLACE, THAT THEY ARE REAL AND THEY ARE, IN FACT,
6 ACCOUNTABLE AND THAT THEY ARE RESULTS-ORIENTED. THAT IS WHAT
7 WE MUST DO. THAT IS OUR CHALLENGE. ANALYSTS PROJECT THAT PROP
8 47 WILL SAVE BOTH THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM AND THE CALIFORNIA
9 COUNTIES HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY. WE WANT TO
10 KNOW THAT, WE WANT TO SEE THAT AND WE WANT TO BE RESPONSIBLE
11 STEWARDS OF OUR RESOURCES. THE MOTION, IN PART, SPEAKS TO
12 THAT. WE EXPECT THAT THE OFFICE OF THE C.E.O. AND THE AUDITOR-
13 CONTROLLER WILL COME BACK AND GIVE US THE KIND OF SPECIFIC
14 INFORMATION THAT WILL CAUSE US TO HAVE A HIGH LEVEL OF COMFORT
15 SO THAT WE CAN INVEST PRUDENTLY AND PROPERLY. SO I BELIEVE
16 THAT TODAY GIVES US A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY. WE KNOW THE DATA AS
17 OF SEPTEMBER OF 2015, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S PROPOSITION 47
18 DATABASE TRACKED ROUGHLY OVER 10 YEARS AND REFLECTS THAT THERE
19 ARE 12,000 PETITIONS AND APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN FILED AND
20 GRANTED. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE WE GET THROUGH THOSE BECAUSE WE
21 KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT MORE TO DO. AND SO THIS MOTION IS
22 STRUCTURED TO IMPROVE THE PIPELINE FOR RECEIVING PROP 47
23 RELIEF AND OUTCOMES FOR THOSE ELIGIBLE. WE BELIEVE THAT
24 EVERYBODY WHO IS ELIGIBLE OUGHT TO BE PREPARED TO BE ASSISTED.
25 THE MESSAGE HERE TODAY IS YOU DO YOUR PART AND WE'RE OBLIGED

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1 TO DO OUR PART. THIS WORK IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY
2 BUILDING PROCESS THAT WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH AND ARE BUYING
3 INTO. AND WE WANT TO REMOVE LIFE LONG BARRIERS WHICH REDUCE
4 AND EVEN PRECLUDE ADVANCEMENT. THIS WORK IS JUST. THIS WORK IS
5 NECESSARY. AND I'M PLEASED TO BE THE CO-AUTHOR OF THIS MOTION
6 WITH MY COLLEAGUE AND TRUST THAT THE BALANCE OF THE BOARD WILL
7 SHARE THIS PERSPECTIVE AND MOVE THE MATTER FORWARD
8 UNANIMOUSLY. MR. MAYOR?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL.

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12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. I WANT
13 TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR BRINGING THIS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT MOTION
15 WHICH I STRONGLY SUPPORT. THE IDEA THAT HAVING PASSED BY SUCH
16 A LARGE MARGIN, THAT PROP 47 STILL WAITS ON US TO HELP THOSE
17 WHO COULD CHANGE THEIR RECORDS FROM A FELONY TO MISDEMEANOR
18 APPROPRIATELY, NOT HAVE TO CHECK THE BOX GOING FOR WORK. AND
19 ALL OF THE OTHER CHANGES THAT CAN BE MADE. IT'S VERY
20 APPROPRIATE FOR THE COUNTY TO HELP WITH THAT. AND, INDEED,
21 IT'S NOT ONLY APPROPRIATE, IT'S IN OUR INTEREST. LET ME SAY,
22 THOUGH, BEFORE WE TAKE OUR TESTIMONY JUST TWO OTHER THINGS. I
23 WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WOMEN WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED. PROP
24 47 HAS HAD ACTUALLY A GREATER PROPORTIONAL IMPACT ON FEMALE
25 PRISONERS COMPARED TO MALE PRISONERS. APPROXIMATELY 8 PERCENT

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1 OF THE PRISONERS RELEASED UNDER PROP 47 HAVE BEEN WOMEN.
2 THOUGH WOMEN COMPRISE ONLY 4 PERCENT OF THE STATE'S OVERALL
3 PRISON POPULATION. THIS FROM THE STANFORD REPORT. THE OTHER
4 THING I WANT TO COMMENT ON IS REALLY NOT QUITE RELATED TO THIS
5 MOTION BUT IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF THE WAY WE PERCEIVE PROP 47.
6 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF RHETORIC ABOUT PROP 47 AND RISING
7 CRIME RATES. AND IT'S JUST THAT, RHETORIC. THERE'S NO DATA
8 SHOWING ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN PROP 47 AND ANY ALLEGED RISE IN
9 CRIME RATES. AND IF THERE'S A RISE IN CRIME RATES IN L.A.
10 COUNTY, THEN LET US ASK WHY THERE'S BEEN A DECREASE IN CRIME
11 RATES IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, WHICH HAS A MUCH MORE ROBUST RE-
12 ENTRY PROGRAM? PERHAPS THERE'S A CONNECTION THERE, AND WE WILL
13 CONTINUE TO DO OUR PART ABOUT THAT. SO, AS TO THE ISSUE OF THE
14 CONNECTION OF PROP 47 AND CRIME, I WOULD REALLY ENCOURAGE
15 THOSE SPREADING THIS DISINFORMATION TO RECONSIDER AND BE MORE
16 RESPONSIBLE OR ELSE GIVE ME A CITE SOMEWHERE FOR THIS
17 INFORMATION BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT WE CAN DO WITH PROP 47. THIS
18 MOTION IS A TREMENDOUS START. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE,
19 6 TO 7 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY STANDS TO HAVE THEIR
20 RECORDS CHANGED. THAT'S A GREAT SEA CHANGE. SO THANKS TO MY
21 COLLEAGUES, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU HERE TO TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF
22 THIS MOTION. THANKS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE ON PROP 47
23 BEFORE IT PASSED AND SINCE TO MAKE IT WORK. AND I LOOK FORWARD
24 TO TESTIMONY. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME JUST SAY FOR THE
2 RECORD THAT WHILE I SUPPORT PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES FOR THOSE
3 WHO WANT TO LEAVE THEIR LIFE OF CRIME AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE
4 MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY, IT SHOULD NEVER BE AT THE EXPENSE OF
5 THE VICTIMS WHO PAY THE ULTIMATE PRICE. MOST OFFENDERS,
6 ESPECIALLY DRUG OFFENDERS, ARE NOT EASILY INCLINED TO GO TO
7 THE REHABILITATIVE PROGRAMS ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, AS THE
8 COURTS HAVE FOUND, AND THIS IS REALLY HARMING THOSE
9 INDIVIDUALS WHO REMAIN ADDICTED TO DANGEROUS DRUGS, CREATING A
10 LIFESTYLE OF CRIME. OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATIVE TO
11 PUBLIC DEFENDER ARE IN THE BEST POSITION TO SPEAK ON THIS
12 ISSUE. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO REPRESENT THE OFFENDERS AND
13 NEGOTIATE THOSE TERMS OF THEIR PLEAS. SO I WOULD LIKE RON
14 BROWN, OUR WONDERFUL PUBLIC DEFENDER, AND REPRESENTATIVE OF
15 OUR ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPRESENTATIVE TO ALSO SPEAK,
16 AND OTHERS. YES, SIR.

17

18 **RON BROWN:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. I WAS ASKED
19 TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT MY DEPARTMENT HAS DONE PRIOR
20 TO PROP 47, WHAT WE'VE DONE SINCE THE PASSAGE, THE
21 OVERWHELMING PASSAGE OF PROP 47, AND WHAT WE HOPE TO DO IN THE
22 FUTURE. BACK IN OCTOBER OF 2014 BEFORE PROP 47 EVER PASSED,
23 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE SENT OUR EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT
24 TEAM TO MEET WITH THE SUPERIOR COURT TO PLAN FOR PROP 47. WE
25 DIDN'T WANT TO BE CAUGHT UNAWARES. WE REALIZED THAT THOUSANDS

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1 OF PEOPLE WOULD IMMEDIATELY QUALIFY UNDER THE LAW. AS A MATTER
2 OF FACT, THE L.A. CITY BUDGET ANALYST FOUND THAT THERE WERE
3 13,500 PENDING POTENTIAL CASES. THAT'S PENDING CASES, WHICH
4 HAD NOT YET BEEN HANDLED. WE IMMEDIATELY STARTED TRAINING OUR
5 PEOPLE BEFORE THE PROPOSITION ACTUALLY PASSED. AS A MATTER OF
6 FACT, WE HAVE A TRAINING ON ELECTION DAY. OUR FIRST ORDER OF
7 BUSINESS WAS TO HANDLE THOSE PENDING CASES. THOSE ARE THE MOST
8 IMPORTANT CASES BECAUSE THEY HAD FELONIES THAT HAD NOT YET
9 BEEN TRIED. WE'D FOLLOW THAT UP BY HANDLING THE CASES OF THOSE
10 IN CUSTODY AND THAT OF COURSE WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY CASES OF
11 THOSE WHO WERE NOT IN CUSTODY. AT NO TIME WOULD WE FAIL TO
12 RECEIVE A PHONE CALL FROM ANYBODY WHO WANTED HELP FROM OUR
13 DEPARTMENT, WE'RE ALWAYS THERE FOR IT. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS
14 THAT WE HAD WITH PROP 47 IS THAT IT HAPPENED SORT OF IN THE
15 MIDDLE OF THE BUDGET YEAR SO WE DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK
16 FOR THOSE RESOURCES AND WE HAD TO DO A LOT OF THINGS OUT OF
17 HIDE, WHICH IS WHAT WE DO. AS OF YESTERDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, MY
18 DEPARTMENT HAD ACTUALLY HANDLED 16,702 PETITIONS THAT WERE
19 GRANTED, APPLICATIONS AND PETITIONS THAT WERE ACTUALLY
20 GRANTED. THAT'S 16,702 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW VOTERS, WHO CAN NOW
21 GET JOBS. I MEAN, IT HAS TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES. WE'RE NOW IN
22 THE PROCESS OF FILING PETITIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR
23 APPROXIMATELY 695,000 ELIGIBLE CASES. NOW, PRIOR TO THE
24 PASSAGE OF PROP 47, THE PRISONS WERE FILLED WITH PEOPLE ON
25 DRUG OFFENSES. SO MUCH SO THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD TO

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1 INTERVENE AND PUT THE STATE PRISONS UNDER FEDERAL DIRECTION.
2 AND ALSO THERE WERE A NUMBER OF COURT-ORDERED CHANGES. THIS
3 LED THE GOVERNOR TO FILE OR TO ENACT RE-ALIGNMENT, WHICH OF
4 COURSE SHIFTED STATE PRISONS ONTO THIS COUNTY AND FURTHER
5 STRAINED OUR RESOURCES. WHAT I THINK NEEDS TO BE SAID IS THAT
6 PRISONS DON'T ENCOURAGE INMATES TO ADDRESS THEIR DRUG
7 PROBLEMS. NOW, WITH THE SIGNING OF A.B.1056, THE STATE AND
8 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BOARD, THEY A NEW WAY OF ATTACKING THIS
9 AND HANDLING THE SAVINGS THAT WILL BE BROUGHT ON BY PROP 47.
10 I'M GOING THE READ DIRECTLY FROM THAT ASSEMBLY BILL, AND
11 FORGIVE ME FOR HAVING TO DO THAT. I READ, QUOTE, "RESEARCH HAS
12 SHOWN THAT PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
13 DISPROPORTIONATELY SUFFER FROM MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND
14 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS. NATIONALLY, OVER ONE HALF OF THE
15 PEOPLE IN PRISONS AND JAILS HAVE EXPERIENCED A MENTAL HEALTH
16 ISSUE WITHIN THE LAST YEAR AND OVER HALF OF THE WOMEN AND 40
17 PERCENT OF THE MEN IN JAIL HAVE A DRUG OR ALCOHOL DEPENDENCY.
18 PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM AND FORMERLY
19 INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS HAVE DIFFICULTY SECURING HOUSING AND
20 EMPLOYMENT FOLLOWING THEIR INCARCERATION. THESE CHALLENGES ARE
21 COMPOUNDED FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS. AS
22 A RESULT, MANY FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE
23 WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS
24 EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS. EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS GREATLY
25 INCREASES THE LIKELIHOOD THAT A FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSON

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1 WILL RECIDIVATE. OFFERING PEOPLE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
2 SYSTEM AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS MEANINGFUL ACCESS
3 TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES,
4 HOUSING, HOUSING-RELATED JOB SERVICES, JOBS SKILLS, TRAINING
5 AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTIVE SERVICES HAS BEEN SHOWN
6 TO DECREASE THE LIKELIHOOD OF FUTURE CONTACT WITH LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM." SUPERVISORS,
8 FELONY CONVICTIONS LEAD TO UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE INABILITY TO
9 QUALIFY FOR THINGS LIKE STUDENT LOANS, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.
10 THESE ALL CONTRIBUTE TO HOMELESSNESS. PROP 47 HAS ALLOWED AND
11 WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW THOUSANDS OF OUR CLIENTS TO REMOVE
12 THESE BARRIERS AND BEGIN TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES. THE GRANT THAT
13 WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE B.S.C.C. WILL ALLOW THEM TO ACCESS
14 SERVICES THAT WOULD INCREASINGLY ASSURE THEY BECOME EMPLOYED,
15 TAX PAYING CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY. MY DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY
16 UNDER A STRAIN TO HANDLE THOSE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CASES
17 THAT NEED TO BE PROCESSED BY NOVEMBER 3, 2017. ALLOW ME TO
18 TAKE JUST A COUPLE OF MOMENTS TO TELL YOU ABOUT OUR OUTREACH
19 PROGRAM. OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM RIGHT NOW HAS 4 PRONGS. THERE'S
20 A MEDIA COMPONENT, COUNTY PARTNERS, CITY PARTNERS AND
21 COMMUNITY PARTNERS. AS FAR AS THE MEDIA COMPONENT, WE HAVE
22 DESIGNED PLACARDS AND CARDS TO BE USED ON BUSES, TRAINS AND
23 THE D.A.S.H. SYSTEM. IN JUNE OF 2015, METRO HAD MORE THAN
24 27,500,000 YOU DISTINCT BOARDINGS. WHAT BETTER WAY TO
25 ADVERTISE THE ADVANTAGES OF PROP 47 THAN ON A BUS? WHEN YOU

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1 SIT ON THAT BLUE LINE, GREEN LINE, RED LINE AND YOU'RE BORED
2 STIFF, YOU LOOK UP, YOU SEE THOSE PLACARDS. SO WE'RE PLANNING
3 TO DO THAT. ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE'RE HAVING IS THAT M.T.A.
4 WANTS TO CHARGE US FOR IT. AT SOME POINT WE'LL ASK THIS
5 BOARD'S HELP IN GETTING A WAIVER FROM THEM. I'M SURE THERE'S
6 SOMEONE ON THE BOARD THAT'S ON THE M.T.A. SORRY. LEAVE THAT
7 ALONE. WE'VE ALSO DEVELOPED POSTERS THAT WE CAN PLACE IN
8 COUNTY, CITY AND COMMUNITY LOCATIONS. WE'VE PRINTED BUSINESS
9 CARDS WITH PROP 47 INFORMATION ON THE FRONT AND PUBLIC
10 DEFENDER INFORMATION ON THE BACK. WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING
11 WITH THE C.E.O.'S COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, SUSAN HERMAN, TO
12 MAKE A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND
13 KOREAN. THE SECOND COMPONENT IS OUR COUNTY PARTNERS. WE ARE
14 PARTNERING WITH D.P.S.S. BECAUSE D.P.S.S. RECOGNIZES THAT A
15 CRIMINAL CONVICTION IS A BARRIER TO EMPLOYMENT. WE'RE ALSO
16 PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. THEY ALSO
17 RECOGNIZE THAT. WE WORK WITH PROBATION, REGISTRAR-RECORDER,
18 COUNTY MEDICAL CLINICS, COUNTY LIBRARIES, COUNTY PARKS AND
19 RECREATION. AND WE'RE WORKING VERY HARD TO CONVINCE THE
20 SHERIFF TO ALLOW US TO PLACE OUR PLACARDS IN THE JAILS AND IN
21 THE SUBSTATIONS. HOPEFULLY I'LL CONVINCE THE SHERIFF OF THAT
22 SOMETIME LATER THIS WEEK. THE THIRD COMPONENT OF OUR OUTREACH
23 IS OUR CITY PARTNERS. IT'S VERY SIMILAR TO OUR COUNTY
24 PARTNERS. WE HOPE TO PUT THOSE PLACARDS IN CITY LIBRARIES,
25 CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONS AND THE LOBBIES OF L.A.P.D., AS

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1 WELL. ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THE CITY OUTREACH IS
2 WE'RE TRYING TO CONVINCE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER TO
3 ALLOW US TO PLACE THOSE INFORMATION SHEETS INSIDE OF PEOPLE'S
4 BILLS, THEIR WATER BILL, THEIR POWER BILL. WHEN THEY GET THAT
5 BILL INSERT, IT'S JUST ANOTHER WAY OF GETTING THAT INFORMATION
6 OUT THERE. THE LAST ONE IS OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS. I HAVE TO
7 GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO CALIFORNIA FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE AND
8 THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT. THEY BOTH HELPED US WITH OUR
9 OUTREACH AND THEY'LL CONTINUE TO DO SO. I'M VERY, VERY
10 THANKFUL FOR THAT. WE WILL WORK WITH THE C.B.O.S, THE F.B.O.S,
11 LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS, JOB FAIRS, COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND STATE
12 UNIVERSITIES. PROP 47 WILL CHANGE LIVES. I AM VERY PLEASED TO
13 BE A PART OF THIS BOARD MOTION. AND WE WILL WORK VERY HARD
14 WITH OUR PARTNERS, ESPECIALLY WITH THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
15 AND I STAND READY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. MR. MAYOR, WHILE
16 YOU MIGHT WANT TO HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES FIRST.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME HEAR FROM YOUR COLLEAGUES
19 FIRST.

20

21 **BRUCE BRODY:** MR. MAYOR, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY
22 NAME IS BRUCE BRODY. I'M THE CHIEF DEPUTY FOR THE L.A. COUNTY
23 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDERS' OFFICE AND I'M HER REPRESENTING
24 JANICE FUKAI. GOOD MORNING. A.P.D .BEGAN RESPONDING TO PROP 47
25 CASES AND THE ISSUES IT PRESENTED BEFORE IT PASSED IN NOVEMBER

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1 OF 2014 AS SOON AS IT BECAME APPARENT THAT IT WAS GOING TO
2 PASS. A.P.D. BEGAN BY COMPILING A LIST OF PRESENT AND FORMER
3 CLIENTS WHOSE CASES MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY PROP 47 USING OUR
4 HIGHLY EFFECTIVE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. THE INITIAL SEARCH
5 REVEALED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES THAT A.P.D. HAD
6 HANDLED SINCE WE WERE CREATED IN 1993 WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 90
7 AND 100,000 CASES. A.P.D. IMMEDIATELY BEGAN TO DEVELOP A
8 PROTOCOL TO HANDLE THESE CASES. THE PROTOCOL THAT WE DEVELOPED
9 CAUSED US TO PRIORITIZE THE CASES SO THAT WE COULD HANDLE THE
10 ONES THAT WERE MOST SERIOUS FIRST OR WHERE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY.
11 SO FIRST WE TRIED TO HANDLE THE CASES THAT WERE ALREADY
12 PENDING IN THE COURT SYSTEM, THAT ALREADY HAD COURT DATES.
13 SECONDLY, WE BEGAN TO HANDLE THE CASES WHERE THE CLIENT WAS IN
14 COUNTY JAIL AND WAS A SENTENCED PRISONER. THIRD, WE BEGAN TO
15 HANDLE THE CASES WHERE THE CLIENT WAS IN STATE PRISON SERVING
16 A STATE PRISON SENTENCE. FOURTH WE BEGAN TO HANDLE THE CASES
17 WHERE THE CLIENT WAS ON PROBATION OR PAROLE AND WHERE THEY HAD
18 THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING RETURNED TO CUSTODY IF THEY WERE TO
19 HAVE A VIOLATION. AND, LAST, WE STARTED HANDLING THE CASES
20 WHERE CLIENTS THAT ALREADY SERVED THEIR SENTENCE AND WERE NO
21 LONGER ON PROBATION OR PAROLE. A.P.D. SIMULTANEOUSLY BEGAN
22 WORKING WITH OTHER JUSTICE PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE COURTS, THE
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, THE
24 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO
25 PREPARE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE CASES IN A VERY SHORT

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1 PERIOD OF TIME. A.P.D. DEVELOPED A DATABASE OF CASES THAT
2 WOULD BE OR POTENTIALLY COULD BE AFFECTED BY PROP 47. THIS
3 DATABASE, WHICH IS ACCESSIBLE TO ALL STAFF AT A.P.D. ON THEIR
4 DASHBOARD, ALLOWS US TO TRACK EACH CASE, EACH PHONE CALL AND
5 EACH CONTACT THAT WE RECEIVED IN REFERENCE TO A PROP 47 CASE
6 AND IS EASILY ACCESSED BY ANYONE AT A.P.D. AND IS UPDATED
7 DAILY. A.P.D. ALSO CREATED A TEAM OF MANAGERS TO CONDUCT THE
8 INITIAL REVIEW OF THE CASES AND TO ASSIGN THEM A PRIORITY
9 STATUS AND TO BEGIN TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY. THE IMPACT OF
10 PROP 47 ON OUR DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL WITH EACH
11 CLASSIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE BEING AFFECTED IN SOME WAY.
12 IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PASSAGE OF PROP 47, A.P.D .WAS RECEIVING
13 UPWARDS OF 500 PHONE CALLS PER WEEK WITH ENQUIRIES FROM
14 CLIENTS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, OR JUST GENERAL ENQUIRIES. THE TEAM
15 MANAGERS, OUR SECRETARIES AND SUPPORT STAFF, HANDLED THESE
16 CALLS AS THEY CAME IN, AND WE DEVELOPED A PROTOCOL FOR HOW THE
17 CALLS WOULD BE DIRECTED IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER SO WE
18 WOULD KNOW WHERE THE CASE SHOULD GO TO BE MANAGED. EACH BRANCH
19 SUPERVISOR WAS MADE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CASES IN
20 THEIR RESPECTIVE BRANCH, INCLUDING HANDLING CASES THEMSELVES,
21 KEEPING TRACK OF THE PROGRESS OF EACH CASE IN THEIR BRANCH AND
22 TRAINING STAFF IN THEIR BRANCH TO MANAGE THESE CASES. THE
23 SUPPORT STAFF WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RETRIEVAL OF MANY
24 HUNDREDS IF NOT THOUSANDS OF CASES AND FILES. A.P.D .ALSO
25 ASSIGNED A NUMBER OF PARALEGALS TO ASSIST IN THE RETRIEVAL AND

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1 REVIEW OF THE THOUSANDS OF CASES THAT REQUIRED REVIEW, AND WE
2 ALSO ASSIGNED ONE PARALEGAL SPECIFICALLY TO REVIEW THE CASES
3 THAT AROSE IN A POST RELEASE COMMUNITY SUPERVISION, OR A.B.109
4 COURT. TO DATE, A.P.D .HAS REVIEWED OVER 10,000 FILES TO MAKE
5 A DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY. TO DATE, WE HAVE FILED
6 APPROXIMATELY 4,600 APPLICATIONS AND/OR PETITIONS AND HAVE HAD
7 ABOUT 4,000 CASES REDUCED FROM FELONIES TO MISDEMEANORS.
8 A.P.D. CONTINUES TO RECEIVE ABOUT 100 NEW REQUESTS EACH MONTH
9 FOR ASSISTANCE IN HANDLING A POTENTIAL PROP 47 MATTER. AT THIS
10 POINT A.P.D. HAS HANDLED ALL OF THE ELIGIBILITY CASES THAT
11 WERE PENDING AT THE TIME PROP 47 PASSED, INCLUDING ALL OF OUR
12 CLIENTS WHO WERE INCARCERATED IN COUNTY JAIL OR THE STATE
13 PRISON SYSTEM. A.P.D. IDENTIFIES POTENTIAL CLIENTS BY RUNNING
14 THEIR NAMES AND IDENTIFYING INFORMATION IN THEIR CASE
15 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THEN MAKES A DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER
16 OR NOT THE CLIENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF UNDER THE
17 PROPOSITION. EVEN IF THE CRIME FOR WHICH THEY WERE CONVICTED
18 IS AN ELIGIBLE CRIME, THERE ARE SITUATIONS WHERE THE CLIENT
19 MIGHT BE DISQUALIFIED BECAUSE OF A PRIOR CONVICTION. THE
20 PROCESS FOR HANDLING THE MATTER ONCE WE DETERMINE THAT A
21 CLIENT IS ELIGIBLE IS THAT WE FILE THE REQUIRED PAPERWORK IN
22 THE COURT WITH THE COURT CLERK WHERE THE CONVICTION TOOK
23 PLACE. A SEPARATE APPLICATION HAS TO BE FILED FOR EACH CASE,
24 FOR EACH CLIENT IN EACH SEPARATE JURISDICTION. WE ALSO, THEN,
25 SERVE THE PAPERWORK ON THE PROSECUTING AGENCY AT THAT POINT.

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1 THE COURT CLERK THEN SCHEDULES A HEARING ON THE MATTER, OFTEN
2 SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER THE APPLICATION IS FILED, TO GIVE THE
3 PROSECUTING AGENCY AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESEARCH THE MATTER IN
4 CASE THEY ARE GOING TO OBJECT TO THE CLIENT RECEIVING RELIEF
5 UNDER PROP 47. ON THE DATE OF THE HEARING IF THE CLIENT AGREES
6 ELIGIBLE AND THE PROSECUTOR HAS NO OBJECTIONS, THEN THE CASE
7 IS REDUCED FROM A FELONY TO A MISDEMEANOR. A.P.D. HAS PLACED
8 INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE SO THAT INDIVIDUALS OF THE PUBLIC
9 CAN GO ON OUR WEBSITE AND GET BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT
10 ELIGIBILITY ISSUES AND REQUIREMENTS AND HOW TO CONTACT OUR
11 OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE CREATED A MOBILE
12 TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN OUTREACH EFFORTS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND
13 WE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SUCH EFFORTS. A.P.D. LOOKS FORWARD TO
14 WORKING WITH YOUR BOARD, OUR COUNTY JUSTICE PARTNERS AND THE
15 COURTS IN SEEING THAT THESE MATTERS ARE HANDLED IN A MOST
16 EXPEDITIOUS MANNER POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION
17 THIS MORNING. AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE
18 AT THIS TIME.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

21
22 **DR. ROBERT ROSS:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, MAYOR AND ALL THE
23 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M DR. ROBERT ROSS,
24 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT OUR STATE'S
25 LARGEST HEALTH FOUNDATION, AND WE ARE HERE IN WILDLY

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1 ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS, ITEM P-1, THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF PROPOSITION
3 47. BRIEFLY BECAUSE SO MUCH OF MY COMMENTS HAS ALREADY BEEN
4 MADE, I'M TEMPTED TO JUST SHUT UP AND GET OUT OF THE WAY AND
5 NOT SNATCH A VICTORY-- DEFEAT FROM THE JAWS OF VICTORY. BUT
6 LET ME JUST GIVE THIS A BIT FROM A PHILANTHROPIC AND PRIVATE
7 SECTOR PERSPECTIVE. NATIONALLY, THIS NATION IS IN THE THROES
8 OF A HYPER INCARCERATION PHENOMENON, THE LIKES OF WHICH NO
9 OTHER INDUSTRIALIZED NATION HAS EVER SEEN. SINCE THE LATE
10 1980S, THE PRISON POPULATION IN THIS COUNTRY HAS INCREASED BY
11 430 PERCENT. 430 PERCENT INCREASE. AND IT IS THIS MEASURE,
12 PROP 47, THAT PROVIDES THE CLEAREST INDICATOR OF BREAKTHROUGH
13 REFORM-MINDED NEW WAY OF BUSINESS INNOVATION AND CRIMINAL
14 JUSTICE REFORM, NOT JUST RELEVANT TO LOS ANGELES. NOT JUST
15 RELEVANT TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA BUT RELEVANT AS A PACE
16 SETTING POLICY MATTER FOR THE NATION. WHAT IT DOES AS YOU
17 SPOKE TO SO BEAUTIFULLY, SUPERVISORS, IS BEGIN TO REPLACE A
18 PUNISHMENT AND HYPER INCARCERATION FRAMEWORK WITH A PREVENTION
19 AND HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY PARADIGM. YOU WILL HEAR FROM OTHER
20 SPEAKERS TODAY WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED ALREADY
21 BY PROP 47, LIVES THAT HAVE BEEN TRANSFORMED. BOTH THE DATA
22 AND THE STORIES TELL US THAT THIS IS THE SMART AND RIGHT THING
23 TO DO. FROM A HEALTH FOUNDATION PERSPECTIVE, YOU ALREADY HEARD
24 FROM OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE AND FROM YOU THE
25 CRITICALITY, MENTAL HEALTH, LACK OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,

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1 MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ADDICTION PLAY IN THE
2 INCARCERATION PHENOMENON. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I'LL WORK
3 AROUND THE STATE AND BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY'S WORK, WE'RE
4 IN CONSTANT ENGAGEMENT WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS ACROSS 14
5 UNDERSERVED, LOW INCOME, PRIMARILY PREDOMINANTLY COMMUNITIES
6 OF COLOR ACROSS THE STATE. THEY TOLD US WITH A RESOUNDING
7 CLEAR VOICE: WE CANNOT IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITIES
8 UNLESS THE PRISON PIPELINE IS DISRUPTED AND DISMANTLED AND
9 TRANSFORMED. AND THAT IS HOW WE AS A HEALTH FOUNDATION GOT
10 INTO THIS WORK, LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF COMMUNITY LEADERS,
11 WATCHING THE DATA ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING TO OUR YOUNG
12 PEOPLE, AND ENDING THE INCARCERATION SUPER HIGHWAY THAT
13 DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTS A BLACK AND BROWN POPULATIONS IN
14 PARTICULAR BUT AMERICANS OF ALL STRIPES, MEN AND WOMEN, AROUND
15 THE NATION. WHAT YOU ARE DOING TODAY BEGINS TO ASSERT HOW WE
16 CAN MOVE INCARCERATION SAVINGS INTO PREVENTION, COMMUNITY-
17 BASED PREVENTION, OUR RESULTS-ORIENTED FRAMEWORK WITH
18 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORT THAT THESE KINDS OF INVESTMENTS DO
19 WORK. SO WE JUST LOVE WHAT YOU'RE DOING. WE APPRECIATE THE
20 LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
21 FOR MAKING THE MOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
22 FOR MENTIONING THE DATA AROUND SOME OF THE UNFOUNDED
23 ASSERTIONS AROUND INCREASES IN CRIME. WE'VE SEEN INCREASES IN
24 CRIME AROUND THE NATION THAT DON'T HAVE PROP 47. WE'VE SEEN
25 NOT THE SAME KIND OF INCREASE IN SAN DIEGO, AS YOU MENTIONED.

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1 SO LET'S BE DATA DRIVEN AND NOT HISTRIONIC IN OUR RESPONSE TO
2 THESE KINDS OF ASSERTIONS. LET'S MAKE PROP 47 WORK. LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE SHOWING THE
4 NATION WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN HERE. WE WILDLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY
5 SUPPORT YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS EFFORT AND WE ARE PROUD TO BE
6 IN PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU AND MANY OTHERS WHO ARE
7 WORKING TO MAKE PROP 47 SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK PUBLIC DEFENDER
10 OR ALTERNATIVE COUNSEL, ARE YOU FINDING OUT YOUR CLIENTS ARE
11 MORE LIKELY TO ENROLL IN MENTAL HEALTH AND DRUG PROGRAMS POST
12 PROP 47? AND IF YOU DO, WHY IS THAT?

13

14 **RON BROWN:** WE DON'T HAVE THE DATA. I HAVE ANECDOTES ONE WAY OR
15 ANOTHER, BUT I DON'T LIKE TO LIVE BY ANECDOTES. I'D RATHER
16 HAVE DATA. IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO CAPTURE,
17 ASSUMING THE MOTION PASSES. I CAN'T ANSWER. I'M SORRY, MR.
18 MAYOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S BEEN MY UNDERSTANDING FROM
21 TALKING TO MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY WHO IS INVOLVED WITH THIS
22 THAT THERE HAD BEEN A DROP. AND THE REASON THERE HAD BEEN A
23 DROP IS BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO REHAB, ALTHOUGH
24 THEY PROMISED THE COURT THEY WILL, THEY DON'T HAVE TO AND
25 THEREFORE THEY DON'T SHOW UP. AND AS A RESULT, THOSE NUMBERS

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1 OF GOING TO REHAB HAD DECREASED. WHEREAS BEFORE THE JUDGE HAD
2 THE ABILITY TO PUT THEM BACK IN JAIL IF THEY FAILED THEIR
3 REHABILITATION AND REMOVING THAT HAMMER HAS BEEN A DISSERVICE
4 TO THAT INDIVIDUAL BECAUSE HE OR SHE IS GOING TO CONTINUE
5 DOING THE DRUGS INSTEAD OF GETTING THE HELP NECESSARY TO
6 BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. WHAT IS THE PRIMARY
7 REASON YOU FIND THAT YOUR CLIENTS DON'T GO TO MENTAL HEALTH OR
8 DRUG REHAB PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY?

9

10 **RON BROWN:** MANY OF MY CLIENTS HAVE SAID OVER AND OVER AGAIN
11 THEY'RE SIMPLY NOT READY FOR THAT. WHEN OFFERED RELEASE VERSUS
12 INCARCERATION, MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE INCARCERATION-BASED.
13 THEY'LL SIMPLY SAY, "I WILL TAKE RELEASE OVER INCARCERATION."

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO YOUR ATTORNEYS ENCOURAGE THESE
16 INDIVIDUALS TO ADVOCATE FOR SERVICES THAT REQUIRE PROP 47
17 CLIENTS ENROLLED IN PROGRAMS? DO THEY OR DO THEY NOT?

18

19 **RON BROWN:** ONE OF THE FUNNY THINGS ABOUT ATTORNEYS. EACH OF
20 THEM ARE A SEPARATE ANIMAL. MANY OF OUR ATTORNEYS WILL
21 ENCOURAGE A CLIENT TO DO THAT. BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S
22 ALWAYS THE CLIENT'S DECISION. I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW FRUSTRATING
23 IT IS TO TRY AND KNOCK YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE WALL TO TRY TO
24 CONVINCING THE CLIENT TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S IN HIS OR HER BEST

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1 INTEREST. IT WILL BE THE CLIENT'S DECISION. WE WILL TRY AND
2 TRY AND TRY, BUT IT IS THE CLINT'S DECISION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DID THE DROP FROM FELONY CHARGE TO
5 MISDEMEANOR CHARGE AFFECT CLIENTS' LEVEL OF INTEREST TO
6 ENROLLING IN THESE PROGRAMS? TO BOTH YOU GENTLEMEN.

7

8 **BRUCE BRODY:** AGAIN, I THINK IT'S HARD TO JUST GENERALIZE.
9 EVERY CASE IS DIFFERENT. SOME CLIENTS, IT'S TRUE IF THERE'S A
10 HAMMER, YOU CAN MAKE THEM DO SOMETHING. BUT IF WE OFFER SOME
11 OF THE CLIENTS A HAND, IN ADDITION TO GETTING THE REDUCTION
12 FROM A FELONY TO A MISDEMEANOR, IF WE CAN OFFER THEM SOME
13 LIGHT AT THE END OF THE ROAD IN TERMS OF HOUSING, IN TERMS OF
14 SOME JOB TRAINING, THAT MAY ENCOURAGE THEM. AND AS MR. BROWN
15 SAID, IF THE CLIENT'S NOT READY FOR TREATMENT, THEN IT'S GOING
16 TO BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME IN THAT REGARD,
17 WHETHER IT'S FORCED OR VOLUNTARY.

18

19 **DR. ROBERT ROSS:** YEAH, MR. MAYOR, I WOULD AGREE WITH THAT. I
20 THINK WE'D BE THRILLED TO WORK WITH MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY
21 TO-- THIS IS A SOLVABLE PROBLEM. IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. I
22 THINK WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS A HAND UP RATHER THAN A
23 HAMMER DOWN. AND I THINK WHEN FOLKS HAVE A HAND UP AND THEY
24 SEE OPTIMISM AND HOPE, THEY ARE MORE LIKELY NOT ONLY TO ENROLL

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1 IN DRUG TREATMENT BUT TO STAY THERE AND GET CLEAN AND SOBER
2 AND BECOME A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS IT RELATES TO THE SENTENCING OF
5 YOUR CLIENTS, WHAT TYPE OF SENTENCES ARE THEY RECEIVING? IS IT
6 COMMUNITY SERVICE OR PROBATION OR JAIL TIME? AND WHAT
7 PERCENTAGES OF YOUR PROP 47 CLIENTS RECEIVE JAIL SENTENCES?

8

9 **RON BROWN:** MANY OF THE CLIENTS ARE RECEIVING PROBATION. SOME
10 ARE RECEIVING JAIL SENTENCE. IT REALLY DOES VARY DEPENDING
11 UPON THE NATURE OF THE CRIME. AGAIN, I'D HATE TO DEAL IN
12 ANECDOTES AND SAY THIS PERCENTAGE OF ALL CLIENTS. I DON'T HAVE
13 THAT PERCENTAGE. I KNOW THAT SOME WILL RECEIVE SERVICES. MANY
14 OF THEM SIMPLY WILL LOOK FORWARD TO THAT REDUCED JAIL TIME AND
15 GET OUT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS THE POLICY FOR THOSE
18 CLIENTS WHO REPEATEDLY CYCLE THROUGH YOUR OFFICE AND WHO
19 CLEARLY NEED HELP? AND DO YOU DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN
20 ASSISTING THEM OR DO YOU JUST USE STATUS QUO?

21

22 **RON BROWN:** MANY TIMES WHEN WE SEE SOMEONE LIKE THAT, WE HAVE A
23 REALLY EFFECTIVE DRUG COURT PROGRAM. AND IF I'M AN ATTORNEY
24 AND I KNOW THIS GUY NEEDS HELP, I'M GOING TO DIRECT MY DRUG
25 COURT PEOPLE TO TALK TO HIM. THEY MIGHT BE MORE SUCCESSFUL

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1 THAN I AM IN CONVINCING HIM OR HER THAT IT'S TIME, BUT IT HAS
2 TO BE THE CLIENT'S DECISION. SO YOU'RE RIGHT, WE WILL ON A
3 CASE BY CASE BASIS PUSH A PERSON AS HARD AS WE CAN.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WITH THAT ENCOURAGEMENT, IF THE
6 INDIVIDUAL STILL WALKS AWAY, THEN WHAT DO YOU DO?

7

8 **RON BROWN:** IF HE WALKS AWAY, HE STILL WALKS AWAY, THERE'S
9 NOTHING I CAN DO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO INDIVIDUALS BEFORE, THEY DIDN'T
12 HAVE THAT ABILITY TO WALK AWAY.

13

14 **RON BROWN:** NOT RIGHT NOW. IT'S ALWAYS THE CLIENT'S DECISION.
15 ALL I CAN DO IS TRY TO CONVINCE THE CLIENT TO DO THE RIGHT
16 THING.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I UNDERSTAND. ANY QUESTIONS?
19 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU. JUST TO FOLLOW UP ON WHAT THE
22 MAYOR WAS ASKING. I HAVE SORT OF AN AMATEUR'S IDEA ABOUT THIS,
23 TOO. I'VE NOT BEEN AN ATTORNEY IN THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM ON
24 EITHER SIDE. BUT DOES ANYTHING PREVENT THE SYSTEM FROM
25 ARRESTING MISDEMEANANTS AND ASKING THE COURT TO SENTENCE THEM

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1 TO TREATMENT? WE'RE LOOKING AT DOING THIS. DIVERSION IS BEFORE
2 PROSECUTION. WE'RE SAYING TO YOU, "LOOK, YOU DON'T WANT ANY
3 RECORD AT ALL. WE'RE WITH YOU. GO INTO TREATMENT. YOU'RE
4 DIVERTED. YOU WON'T HAVE A RECORD, WE ARE NOT GOING TO
5 PROSECUTE." THAT'S A CHOICE ISSUE. KIND OF A HEAVY HANDED ONE,
6 BUT A CHOICE. IF THEY SAY NO AND WE PROSECUTE, IT'S MY
7 IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY NOT ARRESTING AND PROSECUTING
8 MISDEMEANANTS IN THE SAME NUMBERS AS WE WERE.

9

10 **RON BROWN:** ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES, SUPERVISOR, IS THAT A
11 MAJORITY OF THOSE DRUG PROGRAMS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE YEAR-
12 LONG PROGRAMS. THE MAJORITY OF THE MISDEMEANORS ARE SIX-MONTH
13 SENTENCES. WE ARE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE DRUG COURTS TO COME
14 OUT WITH A NEW PARADIGM OR A NEW MODEL WHERE THE TREATMENT
15 PROGRAM WILL BE LESS THAN SIX MONTHS. BECAUSE IF A CLIENT
16 SAYS, "LOOK, IF THE MAXIMUM I CAN RECEIVE ON THIS CASE IS SIX
17 MONTHS, WHY SHOULD I GO INTO A YEAR REHAB PROGRAM?"

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I'M INTERESTED IN THAT. WE'RE OBVIOUSLY
20 TALKING ABOUT A DIFFERENT POPULATION AT THE MOMENT FOR THIS
21 MOTION. BUT THE NEW MISDEMEANANTS, I THINK WE'RE GOING TO BE
22 INTERESTED IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS, AS WELL.
23 AND WHAT TO DO WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT OVERALL IN TERMS OF
24 DIVERSION AND SEE IF THERE'S A WAY TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE OR
25 EVEN SENTENCE TO A SHORTER PROGRAM.

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2 **RON BROWN:** ONE OF THE THINGS I'M CONCERNED ABOUT, SUPERVISOR,
3 IS THAT A LOT OF FOLKS DON'T UNDERSTAND, ESPECIALLY WITH DRUG
4 ADDICTION THAT RELAPSE IS A PART OF ADDICTION. AND IF THE
5 COURT SENTENCES THEM TO A DRUG PROGRAM AND THEY FALL OFF, MANY
6 OF THE JUDGES, THEIR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE IS THE HAMMER. "I GAVE
7 YOU A CHANCE. YOU DIDN'T WORK OUT. OFF YOU GO." ONE OF THE
8 REASONS WHY DRUG COURTS ARE SO SUCCESSFUL IS THAT THEY DO
9 UNDERSTAND THAT RELAPSE IS A PART OF RECOVERY.

10

11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES. I HAD-- WE DIDN'T REALLY TALK ABOUT THE
14 PENDING OR LOOMING TERMINATION DATE WHERE THIS STOPS. AND WHAT
15 DOES THAT MEAN IN TERMS OF REACHING THESE 700,000 INDIVIDUALS
16 THAT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE? AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN FOR YOUR
17 RESOURCES?

18

19 **RON BROWN:** IT'S A REAL PROBLEM FOR ME BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WITH
20 ALMOST 700,000 CASES. THE FILING DEADLINE, IF YOU WANT TO CALL
21 IT THAT, IS NOVEMBER 3, 2017. IF THOSE CASES ARE NOT FILED BY
22 THEN, PEOPLE WHO HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR CASES REDUCED
23 WON'T HAVE THAT HAPPEN. THAT'S NOT FAIR. IF IT GOES AGAINST
24 THE SPIRIT OF THE PROPOSITION. PEOPLE WANTED TO HAVE THOSE
25 FOLKS HAVE THEIR CASES HANDLED. I DON'T THINK THAT STATEWIDE

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1 THEY UNDERSTOOD THE NUMBER OF CASES IN L.A. COUNTY. THAT'S WHY
2 I WAS STRONGLY URGING THIS BOARD TO USE ITS RESOURCES TO
3 EXTEND THAT FILING DEADLINE BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, PEOPLE WHO
4 COULD HAVE THEIR LIVES TRANSFORMED AREN'T GOING TO GET THAT
5 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S A SHAME.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** SO I WOULD ASK OUR COLLEAGUES HERE AS WELL
8 AS IN THE AUDIENCE LISTENING, THAT WE NEED TO DO SOME WORK
9 HERE TO GET THE LEGISLATURE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IMPACT
10 WILL MEAN AND WILL HAVE HERE NOT JUST IN L.A. COUNTY AND
11 AROUND THE STATE. AND I BELIEVE OUR C.E.O.'S EVEN LOOKING AT
12 THAT, AS WELL. AND I'M ENCOURAGED BY THAT. BUT I STILL FEEL SO
13 HESITANT ABOUT HOW OUR COUNTY IS UNABLE TO REALLY PROVIDE THE
14 NEEDED SERVICES IMMEDIATELY TO INDIVIDUALS RIGHT NOW. I HEAR
15 TIME AFTER TIME INDIVIDUALS DON'T KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE THE
16 SYSTEM. THEY NEED LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE. THERE ISN'T ENOUGH
17 PROVIDED OUT IN THE COMMUNITY AND THEREFORE A NEED TO PROVIDE
18 RESOURCES FOR THAT. AND I BELIEVE THE COUNTY NEEDS TO THINK
19 ABOUT HOW WE COLLABORATE WITH OUR PARTNERS OUT IN THE FIELD TO
20 DO THAT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE REALLY CONNECTING EVERYONE
21 TOGETHER, WORKING WITH THE COURTS, WORKING WITH C.B.OS,
22 WORKING WITH PROBATION, WORKING WITH EVERYONE THAT HAS A STAKE
23 IN THIS. AND OF COURSE I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE IT LOOKS AS
24 THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE A MOVE IN SACRAMENTO TO ASSUME THAT
25 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SUCH A GREAT COST SAVINGS THAT THEY'RE

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1 GOING TO WANT TO KEEP SOME MONEY THERE. AND THAT COULD BE THE
2 WORST THING THAT COULD HAPPEN, THAT THEY NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT
3 THE TOTALITY OF THIS PROBLEM IS AND HOW IT WILL BE EXACERBATED
4 OVER TIME IF WE DON'T ADDRESS IT. SO THERE'S AN URGENCY FOR
5 WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY, BUT EVEN MORE SO IN TERMS OF WHAT
6 CHANGES HAVE TO HAPPEN NOW THAT WE KNOW HOW THIS IS PLAYING
7 OUT. AND I'M VERY DELIGHTED THAT OUR BOARD MEMBERS UNDERSTAND
8 THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN PENDING LOOMING NOW. AND
9 IT IS A NATIONAL CRISIS. AND IT SAYS A LOT ABOUT OUR HUMANITY
10 AND WHERE WE GO AS A COMMUNITY IN TRYING TO, AS MY COLLEAGUE
11 SAID, GIVE SECOND CHANCES AND HOPE FULFILLMENT. BUT ALSO A
12 COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF THE COUNTY, OUR TAX PAYING DOLLARS
13 THAT MANY PEOPLE PAY INTO TO PROVIDE A SYSTEM, A SAFETY NET,
14 IF YOU WILL. AND THAT MIGHT MEAN REFORMING OUR OWN LAWS,
15 TALKING WITH OUR JUDICIAL COUNSEL, MAKING SURE THAT ALL OF
16 THESE TECHNICAL ASPECTS ARE BEING ADDRESSED. AND I'M DELIGHTED
17 TO HAVE ALL OF YOU HERE IN FRONT OF US TODAY TO TESTIFY AND
18 GIVE US AN IDEA. AND ALSO TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC THAT
19 WE'VE HEARD FROM MY COLLEAGUE, SHEILA KUEHL, REGARDING THIS
20 HYSTERIA OUT THERE, THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE ARE ALL THESE
21 BAD THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING AND IT'S DUE TO PROP 47. WE
22 DON'T-- WE CAN'T COMPARE APPLES AND ORANGES YET. AND I WOULD
23 FALL ON THE SIDE OF GETTING THE DATA, MAKING SURE THAT WE DO
24 THE BEST JOB THAT WE CAN, AND THAT WE ASK OUR SHERIFF, OUR
25 COUNSEL TO ALSO LOOK AT WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO GET THE BEST

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1 EVIDENCE AND BEGIN FROM THAT METRIC, HOW WE CAN MOVE FORWARD.
2 SO I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING BEFORE US AND WORKING
3 WITH OUR STAFF AND HELPING US TO CREATE THIS SEMBLANCE THAT WE
4 CAN WORK WITH OTHER PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN DOMAINS, OUR OWN
5 SILOS TO HELP US IN THIS EFFORT. BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO TAKE
6 MORE THAN JUST THE COUNTY AND A FEW OF OUR FRIENDS THAT ARE
7 HERE TODAY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY HOW WE MOVE FORWARD. SO AGAIN
8 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **RON BROWN:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **DE. ROBERT ROSS:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE QUESTIONS I'D ASKED, PERHAPS YOU
15 COULD START TRACKING THOSE AND GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THOSE
16 NUMBERS? I'D BE APPRECIATIVE.

17

18 **RON BROWN:** YES, MAYOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP FROM THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT STEVEN JOHNSON AND CHIEF ERIC PARRA. GOOD MORNING.

22

23 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK ON THE FIELD PATROL, WHAT
2 IS THE SHERIFF'S PATROL POLICY FOR PROP 47 OFFENDERS? AND WHAT
3 TYPES OF PRIORS DISQUALIFIES SOMEONE FROM BEING ELIGIBLE FOR
4 PROP 47.

5

6 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR. STEVEN JOHNSON
7 FROM THE SHERIFF'S, AND I'M THE CHIEF OF EAST PATROL DIVISION
8 AND ALSO GOOD MORNING TO DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
9 MR. MAYOR, THE POLICY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS WE HAVE A
10 DIRECTIVE THAT RELATED TO PROPOSITION 47 THAT WAS INITIATED
11 AFTER IT WAS PASSED. AND THAT DIRECTIVE INSTRUCTS DEPARTMENT
12 PERSONNEL THAT WHEN AN ARREST IS MADE FOR A PROPOSITION 47
13 OFFENSE, THAT THE OFFENDER WOULD BE ARRESTED, WOULD BE BROUGHT
14 TO THE LOCAL SHERIFF'S STATION AND WOULD BE FINGERPRINTED AND
15 BOOKED. AND UPON A RETURN OF THE FINGERPRINTS, WHICH ARE
16 NECESSARY TO DETERMINE IF THE OFFENDER HAD A PREVIOUS
17 CONVICTION FOR WHAT'S CALLED A PROPOSITION 47 INELIGIBLE
18 OFFENSE, IF THEY HAD A PREVIOUS CONVICTION FOR ONE OF THOSE
19 OFFENSES, THEN THE OFFENDER WOULD BE KEPT JUST LIKE ANY OTHER
20 OFFENDER WHERE THEY WOULD HAVE TO POST BAIL AND IT WOULD BE
21 BOOKED AS A FELONY. IF THEY UPON RETURN OF THE FINGERPRINTS,
22 THEY HAD NONE OF THOSE CONVICTIONS, THEN THEY WOULD BE ISSUED
23 A CITATION AND RELEASED UPON CITATION PURSUANT TO THE STATUTE.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NOW IF A PERSON'S ARRESTED FOR
2 SHOPLIFTING, IS IT \$950 OR LESS? THEY'RE JUST ISSUED A
3 CITATION?

4

5 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** YES. WHAT'S COME ABOUT AS PART OF THIS
6 STATUTE IS THE TERM SHOPLIFTING HAS BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE
7 LAW. AND PREVIOUSLY SHOPLIFTING WAS IN ESSENCE A TERM THAT WAS
8 GENERALLY USED AMONGST EVERYONE TO REFER TO PETTY THEFT THAT
9 WAS COMMITTED IN SOME TYPE OF RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT. UNDER
10 PROPOSITION 47, THE TERM SHOPLIFTING HAS BEEN DEFINED AS
11 SOMEONE WHO ENTERS AN ESTABLISHMENT, A RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT
12 AND COMMITS A THEFT OF SOMETHING FOR UNDER \$950 AND THEY
13 ENTERED WITH THE INTENT PRIOR TO GOING INTO THE ESTABLISHMENT,
14 WITH THE INTENT OF COMMITTING THE THEFT. NOW, BEFORE
15 PROPOSITION 47, THOSE ELEMENTS, AS I STATED, ENTERING A
16 COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT WITH THE INTENT TO COMMIT THEFT, WAS
17 PREVIOUSLY DEFINED AS A BURGLARY AND WOULD BE BOOKED AS A
18 FELONY. AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS STATUTE, THE CREATION OF THE
19 TERM "SHOPLIFTING" UNDER 459.5 P.C. ESTABLISHES THAT THOSE
20 SAME ELEMENTS OF A CRIME WHICH WERE PREVIOUSLY A FELONY AND
21 CALLED A BURGLARY ARE NOW CALLED A SHOPLIFTING. IF SOMEONE
22 ENTERS THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IT CANNOT BE PROVEN THAT THEY
23 ENTERED WITH THE COMMITMENT TO COMMIT THE THEFT, THERE IS
24 STILL TRADITIONAL PETTY THEFT WHICH THEY CAN BE BOOKED FOR

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1 WHICH IS NOT A PROPOSITION 47 OFFENSE. THAT WOULD BE THE
2 TRADITIONAL PETTY THEFT WHICH IS 484-A P.C.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL IS ARRESTED AND
5 CITED MORE THAN ONE TIME, MAYBE FIVE TIMES, SIX TIMES, SEVEN
6 TIMES, DOES IT ESCALATE INTO AN ARREST, FINGERPRINT OR DOES IT
7 REMAIN A CITATION?

8

9 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** IT REMAINS A CITATION. BUT FOR EACH
10 OFFENSE, IF IT'S A PROPOSITION 47 OFFENSE, IT WOULD STILL
11 RESULT IN ARREST AND FINGERPRINTING, BUT WHAT THE STATUTE
12 CHANGED WAS PRIOR TO PROPOSITION 47, IF YOU COMMITTED A PETTY
13 THEFT AND YOU HAD A CONVICTION AND YOU WERE TO OFFEND AGAIN,
14 YOU COULD BE ARRESTED FOR A CRIME THAT WAS KNOWN AS PETTY
15 THEFT WITH A PRIOR. AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS STATUTE, THIS
16 STATUTE, PROPOSITION 47, SUPERSEDES THAT SECTION AND ANY PRIOR
17 PETTY THEFT CONVICTIONS DO NOT RESULT IN ANY ADDITIONAL
18 PENALTIES OR DOES IT RESULT IN ANY ADDITIONAL ARREST
19 AUTHORITIES TO BUMP IT UP TO A FELONY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO IF THE PERSON SHOPLIFTED A WEAPON
22 THAT WAS VALUED UNDER \$950, IS THAT STILL A CITATION? OR DO
23 YOU TAKE THEM TO JAIL FOR STEALING A WEAPON?

24

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1 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** THE WEAPONS, IF IT'S VALUED UNDER \$950,
2 THEY WOULD STILL GO TO JAIL, BUT THEY WOULD BE ISSUED A
3 CITATION IF THEY DID NOT HAVE A PRIOR CONVICTION FOR THOSE
4 OFFENSES. SO WEAPONS ARE PUT INTO A VALUE CATEGORY, SO IF
5 THEY'RE VALUED UNDER \$950, THEN THEY'RE HANDLED AS ANY OTHER
6 PROPERTY.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. IF THEY STEAL
9 A GUN VALUED UNDER \$950, THEY DON'T GO TO JAIL. THEY JUST
10 RECEIVE A TICKET?

11

12 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** THAT'S CORRECT. BECAUSE I'VE ALSO HEARD
13 COMPLAINTS FROM PEOPLE WHO HAVE A PERSON ARRESTED FOR
14 SHOPLIFTING, AND THE PEOPLE IN THE STORE, THE EMPLOYEES SEE
15 THAT. AND THEN THEY SEE THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS COMMITTING THE
16 CRIMINAL ACT JUST RECEIVING A TICKET AND WALKING AWAY HAS
17 REALLY SENT A REALLY COLD CHILL DOWN THE BACK OF A LOT OF
18 PEOPLE, PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO OBEY THE LAW SAYING, "WHAT
19 DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE? JUST GET A TICKET."

20

21 **CHIEF STEVEN JOHNSON:** YEAH, THAT'S WHAT THE STATUTE CALLS FOR
22 AT THIS TIME. WHETHER IT BE THE THEFT, WHETHER YOU ENTER WITH
23 THE INTENT, WHICH WOULD BE THE 484-A, WHICH IS NOT A
24 PROPOSITION 47 STATUTE, OR IF YOU ENTER WITH INTENT, WHICH IS

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1 A PROPOSITION 47 STATUTE. BOTH OF THOSE WOULD RESULT IN A
2 CITATION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF IS NOT
5 HERE, SO WE HAVE CHIEF ERIC PARRA. HOW MANY PRETRIAL
6 MISDEMEANORS DO YOU HAVE IN JAIL TODAY?

7

8 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** OVER 500. A LITTLE OVER 500.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHY DOESN'T THE SHERIFF'S
11 DEPARTMENT RETAIN MOST PRETRIAL MISDEMEANORS INCLUDING PROP 47
12 OFFENDERS?

13

14 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** PROP 47 OFFENDERS ARE CITED OUT FOR THE VAST
15 MAJORITY OF THE TIME. THE PRETRIAL OFFENDERS THAT WE DO KEEP,
16 THEY HAVE EITHER SOME TYPE OF OTHER CHARGE, WOULD BE A WARRANT
17 OR WOULD BE A CRIME FOR WHICH THEY'RE HELD PENDING
18 ARRAIGNMENT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE
21 SHERIFF CLOSE JAIL BEDS OR REALIZE COST SAVINGS IN CUSTODY?

22

23 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD WE CLOSE JAIL
24 BEDS?

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OR REALIZE COST SAVINGS IN CUSTODY.

2

3 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** WELL AS YOU KNOW RIGHT NOW EAST FACILITY IS
4 CLOSED. AND WE REALIZED THAT SAVINGS. AND THAT WAS TWO YEARS
5 AGO, I BELIEVE. AT THIS POINT WE'RE NOT IN A POSITION TO CLOSE
6 JAIL BEDS BECAUSE THE POPULATION STILL DEMANDS THAT ALL OUR
7 FACILITIES REMAIN OPEN.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE A LOT OF THOSE WHO ARE
10 SENTENCED ARE NOT RECEIVING THEIR FULL SENTENCE, THEY'RE
11 SERVING A PARTIAL SENTENCE. AND IF YOU HAD THE RESOURCES, THEY
12 WOULD BE ABLE TO FULFILL THEIR FULL OBLIGATION OF WHAT THE LAW
13 SENTENCED THEM TO.

14

15 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** THAT'S CORRECT. WHAT WE DID WAS AFTER PROP
16 47, WE ADJUSTED THE PERCENTAGE TIME BACK UP TO 90 PERCENT FOR
17 THE MISDEMEANANTS AND THE GENERAL MISDEMEANANTS , 100 PERCENT
18 FOR THOSE THAT MET THE CATEGORY OF M7 WHICH WOULD BE THE MORE
19 SERIOUS MISDEMEANANTS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PER THE SHERIFF'S LATEST STATISTICS,
22 SINCE NOVEMBER THERE HAVE BEEN 32,027 ARRESTS FOR PROP 47
23 CHARGES COUNTYWIDE. OF THOSE, 40 PERCENT, 12,754 HAVE
24 REOFFENDED AGAIN. THEY CONTINUED COMMITTING CRIMES. THE MOST
25 NUMBER OF RE-ARRESTS FOR A SINGLE PERSON IS 22. MULTIPLE

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1 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED. OTHERS AS MANY AS 17 TIMES WHO
2 HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED. AND YOU HAVE IT RIGHT NOW, SURPRISINGLY
3 THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE HAD FRONT PAGE STORIES ON THE INCREASE IN
4 CRIME ALL THE WAY FROM LOW LEVELS TO MURDER NOT JUST IN THE
5 CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUT IN THE COUNTY. AND WHEN YOU TALK TO
6 OUR INDIVIDUAL CHIEFS OF POLICE IN OUR 44 INDEPENDENT CITIES,
7 THEY HAVE NOTED A SPIKE IN CRIME IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. I KNOW
8 THAT'S OCCURRING IN MINE, AS WELL. SO VIOLENT CRIME IS UP 4.2
9 PERCENT. PROPERTY CRIMES ARE UP BY 12.3 PERCENT. PART 1 CRIME
10 IS UP BY 11.2 PERCENT, WHICH CONSISTS OF HOMICIDE, RAPE,
11 ROBBERY, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, BURGLARY, LARCENY, THEFT, GRAND
12 THEFT AUTO AND ARSON. AND IF YOU HAD THE RECORD BEFORE YOU OF
13 THE PERSON THAT SHOT THE TOURIST, KILLED THE TOURIST ON
14 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD RECENTLY, HE HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR A
15 NUMBER OF MISDEMEANORS, ET CETERA, BUT HE HAD A LONG CRIMINAL
16 RECORD, AS WELL. SO IT'S A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION, BUT I'D
17 APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR COMMENTS. ANY COMMENTS BY
18 MY COLLEAGUES?

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD JUST ASK: WHEN I LOOK AT MATERIALS
21 THAT I RECEIVED REGARDING THIS SAME ISSUE AND HOW IT AFFECTS
22 DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS, SAN DIEGO COMES OUT VERY DIFFERENTLY.
23 AND CAN ANY OF YOU ELABORATE ON WHY WE'VE SEEN SUCH A DRAMATIC
24 CHANGE THERE AS OPPOSED TO HERE? WHAT ARE SOME OF THOSE THINGS
25 THAT PERHAPS WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT?

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2 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** WELL, I DON'T HAVE THE DATA ON SAN DIEGO.
3 BUT IN SEEING THAT INFORMATION, IT'S OBVIOUSLY WORTHY OF STUDY
4 BECAUSE ANY BEST PRACTICES THAT ARE GOING ON, ESPECIALLY IN
5 CALIFORNIA, ARE SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT. AND WE
6 CAN LOOK AT THAT, SUPERVISOR, AND EVALUATE WHAT ARE THE ISSUES
7 IN SAN DIEGO THAT THEY IDENTIFY AS THEIR BEST PRACTICES? AND
8 IF ANY OF THOSE WOULD BE APPLICABLE TO ANY.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AND YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF ANY OF THOSE
11 FINDINGS.

12

13 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** I'VE READ SOME OF THE MEDIA ACCOUNTS. I'VE
14 HAD AN OFFLINE CONVERSATION WITH MR. POLK HERE THIS MORNING
15 WHEN HE BROUGHT IT TO MY ATTENTION. SO WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT
16 THAT AND SEE WHAT THOSE ARE AND SEE IF ANY OF THOSE ARE
17 APPLICABLE TO ANY OF OUR PRACTICES.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I WOULD HOPE WE OBVIOUSLY NEED TO TAKE
20 DILIGENT LOOK AT THAT AND SEE WHAT REFORMS WE CAN UNDERTAKE
21 NOW, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE WHOLE OBSERVATION OF WHERE
22 FUNDING MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE, WHERE WE CAN MAKE THOSE CHANGES
23 IN THE JAIL SYSTEM NOW SO THAT BEFORE INDIVIDUALS ARE
24 RELEASED, WE CAN START TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT
25 WE'VE HEARD ALREADY MENTIONED AND I'M SURE WE'RE GOING TO HEAR

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1 MORE ABOUT REGARDING TREATMENT. WE'RE STARTING TO DO THAT IN
2 THE JAILS. MAKING MORE OF AN AGGRESSIVE APPROACH. AND TO SEE
3 WHAT MODELS ARE WORKING IN SAN DIEGO AND OTHER PARTS OF THE
4 COUNTRY AND TRY TO LOOK AT THAT. BECAUSE THE FEDERAL
5 GOVERNMENT PLAYED A BIG ROLE IN WHAT HAS HAPPENED AROUND THE
6 STATE AND AROUND THE COUNTRY. SO WE'RE BEING TOLD THAT WE HAVE
7 TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE TO JUST INCARCERATION. AND I THINK
8 THAT FOR SOME, MAYBE THAT DOESN'T COME TOO EASY TO UNDERSTAND
9 THAT THERE'S A NEW PARADIGM. AND THERE HAS BEEN A PIECE OF
10 LEGISLATION THAT WAS OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORTED BY CALIFORNIANS.
11 WE HAVE TO TAKE A STEP BACK, OBVIOUSLY, AND MAKE AN ASSESSMENT
12 AND FIGURE OUT HOW WE GO FORWARD, THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF-- I
13 THINK A LOT OF THINGS TO THINK ABOUT. BUT I HOPE THAT WE CAN
14 WORK WITH THE SHERIFF. I KNOW HE IS-- WE'VE HAD DIFFERENT
15 CONVERSATIONS. BUT I KNOW THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS BIG
16 ON HIS MIND IS ABOUT TREATMENT IN THE JAILS AND ALSO SUPPORT
17 FOR THOSE THAT NEED MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE AND EVEN JOB
18 TRAINING, EDUCATION WHILE THEY'RE DETAINED, SO THAT WHEN THEY
19 DO BECOME RELEASED OR ALLOWED ENTRE BACK INTO OUR SOCIETY,
20 THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT SKILLS TO HELP SUSTAIN THEM SO THAT
21 THEY CAN GET ON THEIR FEET AND ACTUALLY FULFILL THEIR
22 OBLIGATIONS TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. SO I
23 JUST WANT TO REITERATE THAT, MR. MAYOR.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1

2 **CHIEF ERIC PARRA:** SUPERVISOR, JUST IN RESPONSE. WE HAVE
3 EMBARKED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECENTLY THE VIOLENCE
4 REDUCTION NETWORK, WHICH IS SOME OF THE BEST THE PRACTICES
5 BROUGHT BY THE U.S.D.O.J. AND THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY HERE
6 LOCALLY WHERE WE'VE IDENTIFIED AN AREA IN THE COMPTON AREA AND
7 WE ARE BRINGING IN FEDERAL ASSETS. IT IS AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD
8 APPROACH THAT DOESN'T JUST FOCUS ON SUPPRESSION. IT DOES FOCUS
9 VERY HEAVILY ON ALSO PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION. AND ONE OF
10 THE INITIATIVES WITH THAT, TOO, IS THAT WE ARE WORKING NOT
11 JUST ON CRIME AND NOT JUST CRIME PREVENTION INTERVENTION, BUT
12 ONE OF THE INITIATIVES THAT'S BEING CARRIED BY OUR CENTRAL
13 PATROL DIVISION IS AN INITIATIVE TO TRY TO EMPLOY MORE PERSONS
14 IN THE CITY OF COMPTON, MOST NOTABLY WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE'VE ASKED THE
16 LEADERSHIP THERE IN OUR COMMUNITY TO BRING US WHAT WE'VE
17 IDENTIFIED AS 100 CANDIDATES THAT WE BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE
18 GOOD CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY FAMILY OR
19 WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND THAT INITIATIVE IS BEING
20 CARRIED BY THE SHERIFF AND BY ALSO CHIEF BOBBY DENHAM AS
21 THEY'RE WORKING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THESE PROVEN
22 PRACTICES BROUGHT MOST NOTABLY HERE IN CALIFORNIA FROM THE
23 RICHMOND AREA, FROM THE VIOLENCE REDUCTION NETWORK. BUT WE'LL
24 TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE ISSUES. I'LL WORK WITH MR. POLK AND THE
25 OTHER JUSTICE DEPUTIES ON THE SAN DIEGO AND THEN WE'LL REPORT

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1 BACK ON WHAT THOSE BEST PRACTICES ARE SO THAT YOU CAN SEE HOW
2 THEY REFLECT ON SOME OF OUR INITIATIVES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I WANTED TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
7 I THINK SOMETIMES LAW ENFORCEMENT MUST FEEL LIKE IT GETS
8 WHIPLASH. WE GO IN ONE DIRECTION AND THEN A LAW WILL PASS AND
9 OF COURSE WE'RE LAW ENFORCEMENT, SO WE WILL GO THAT DIRECTION.
10 AND IT MUST FEEL THAT WAY A LITTLE BIT WITH PROP 47. BUT I
11 THINK AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS INDICATED, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING
12 FOR IN THE BROADEST POLICY. AND THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN A REALLY
13 GOOD PARTNER WITH US, AND I KNOW HE CARES A LOT ABOUT PUBLIC
14 SAFETY. BUT JUST TO MAKE THE POINT THAT REPEATING DATA IN OUR
15 COUNTY ABOUT HOW CERTAIN CRIME RATES HAVE GONE UP, IN A WAY
16 IT'S VERY CONFUSING TO MY CONSTITUENTS BECAUSE THEY ARE STILL
17 VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. THEY WANT
18 SOMETHING TO WORK. THEY DON'T WANT PEOPLE JUST TO CYCLE IN AND
19 OUT. SO IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE BEING TOLD YOU ARE REALLY STUPID
20 TO LOWER THESE CRIMES TO MISDEMEANORS BECAUSE LOOK WHAT
21 HAPPENED. AND I BELIEVE THE ANSWER OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT'S
22 YOUR BRANCH AND MINE IS TO SAY NO, WE'RE DOING SOMETHING ELSE
23 BECAUSE THE OVERALL APPROACH TO LOWERING INCARCERATION IS
24 CORRECT OTHERWISE WE WERE ALWAYS GOING TO RUN OUT OF ROOM. AND
25 WE ALREADY DID RUN OUT OF ROOM. WE WERE LETTING PEOPLE OUT

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1 EARLY. AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT THAT WAS TERRIBLE. SO I THINK
2 WORKING TOGETHER WE WILL BE ABLE TO EMPHASIZE PREVENTION, TO
3 EMPHASIZE TREATMENT AND STILL EMPHASIZE SAFETY. SO I'M HOPING
4 AS WE'VE INDICATED A COUPLE TIMES TODAY THAT WE CAN KIND OF
5 ALIGN OUR RHETORIC A LITTLE BIT ON WHAT IT IS WE'RE AIMING FOR
6 AND HOW WE INTEND TO ACHIEVE IT. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
7 GENTLEMEN.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
10 UP ROBIN KAY, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CYNTHIA HARDING
11 FROM PUBLIC HEALTH LAST TIME, WE HAD DISCUSSED TREATMENT
12 SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS. I'D ASKED WHETHER YOU HAD OTHER
13 RESOURCES OR SOURCES OF FUNDING BESIDES THE GENERAL FUND FOR
14 THOSE TREATMENT SERVICES OF OFFENDERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR JAIL
15 SENTENCES AND WERE NOT UNDER PROBATION SUPERVISION. I HAD BEEN
16 TOLD YES. SO THE QUESTION TO BOTH OF YOU: COULD YOU DESCRIBE
17 THOSE FUNDING SOURCES, INCLUDING DRUG MEDICAL WAIVER THAT
18 COVER THE COST OF TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THIS POPULATION?

19

20 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS, MAYOR
21 ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU. I'LL ANSWER AROUND THE DRUG AND
22 SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND THEN MY COLLEAGUE, DR. KAY, WILL
23 TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH. SO THE THREE PRINCIPAL FUNDING
24 SOURCES THAT WE CAN MAKE AVAILABLE TO THIS POPULATION ARE THE
25 DRUG MEDI-CAL FUNDS. AND THOSE ARE FOR THOSE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE

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1 FOR DRUG MEDI-CAL THROUGH THE WAIVER THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE IN
2 PLACE NEXT SUMMER, WE'LL BE ABLE TO EXPAND THAT LIST OF
3 SERVICES. WE HAVE RE-ALIGNMENT FUNDS. AND WE HAVE FEDERAL
4 BLOCK GRANT FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED.

5

6 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** SO FOR MENTAL HEALTH, WE ALSO HAVE THREE
7 PRIMARY SOURCES OF FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE
8 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. WE HAVE MENTAL HEALTH
9 RE-ALIGNMENT DOLLARS THAT COME TO THE COUNTY. WE HAVE MENTAL
10 HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDING AND WE USE BOTH OF THOSE SOURCES
11 OF FUNDING TO LEVERAGE FEDERAL DOLLARS THAT MATCH THOSE CORE
12 FUNDING SOURCES FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDI-CAL.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CAN THE REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE
15 CONTRACTORS BE APPLIED BY THEIR SUCCESS RECORD?

16

17 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** MAYOR AND ANTONOVICH, THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION.
18 CURRENTLY OUR CONTRACTORS ARE PAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE. THIS
19 ALIGNS WITH HOW DRUG MEDI-CAL IS PAID. DURING THE FIRST TWO
20 YEARS OF THE NEW DRUG MEDI-CAL WAIVER, WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE
21 TO PAY ON A FEE-FOR-SERVICE BASIS TO ESTABLISH THE APPROPRIATE
22 COSTS. BUT AS WE DEVELOP THE WAIVER, WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO A
23 PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACT, BASED ON PERFORMANCE METRICS
24 BECAUSE WE WILL BE MOVING TO A PER USER PER MONTH RATE IN
25 THOSE CONTRACTS AS WE MOVE INTO THE FUTURE.

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2 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** THE SITUATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH CURRENTLY IS
3 SIMILAR TO THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEM IN WHICH OUR PROVIDERS
4 ARE ALSO PAID ON A FEE FOR SERVICE BASIS. THE DEPARTMENT HAS
5 BEEN INTRODUCING INCREASINGLY A SYSTEM OF BOTH CLIENT RELATED
6 OUTCOME MEASURES AS WELL AS PROGRAM PERFORMANCE METRICS. AND
7 WE DO COLLECT THOSE MEASURES, ALTHOUGH THERE'S SOME ALLOWANCE
8 FOR CONTRACTING PERFORMANCE-BASED CONTRACTING. WE'RE NOT YET
9 AT THE POINT WHERE WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE AWARDING OF
10 CONTRACTS BASED ON PERFORMANCE. BUT WE ARE COLLECTING THOSE
11 MEASURES AND PARTICULARLY FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED POPULATION,
12 BASED ON OUR A.B.109 EXPERIENCE, WE DO KNOW WHICH PROVIDERS
13 ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE KIND OF CLIENT-RELATED OUTCOMES THAT
14 WE WOULD ALL EXPECT FROM OUR PROVIDER NETWORK.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW WOULD YOU DETERMINE THAT IN AN
17 R.F.P.?

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19 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** ALL OF OUR R.P.F.S INCLUDE CERTAIN PERFORMANCE
20 STANDARDS. THOSE ARE PROSPECTIVE RATHER THAN RETROSPECTIVE AT
21 THIS POINT. SO WHEN WE ISSUE AN R.F.P., WE DO INCLUDE IN THE
22 R.F.P. CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS THAT PROVIDERS ARE REQUIRED TO
23 ACHIEVE AND WE DO MONITOR THOSE PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT
24 AGENCIES ARE MEETING THOSE PERFORMANCE MEASURES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WHAT IS AN EFFECTIVE LENGTH OF
2 TIME FOR THE REHABILITATION TO HELP THE INDIVIDUAL GET BACK ON
3 THEIR FEET? IS IT LIKE SIX MONTHS, NINE MONTHS, 12 MONTHS?

4

5 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** I THINK THAT QUESTION DIFFERS FOR MENTAL HEALTH
6 AND FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE. AND THE POPULATION OF PEOPLE WITH
7 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES REALLY RANGES. SO WE HAVE SOME
8 INDIVIDUALS WITH THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF MENTAL HEALTH NEED.
9 THOSE ARE THE CLIENTS WHO TEND TO GO INTO OUR FULL SERVICE
10 PARTNERSHIP OR WRAP-AROUND PROGRAMS. AND FOR THEM WE OFFER
11 SERVICES THAT INVOLVE WHATEVER IT TAKES FOR AS LONG AS IT
12 TAKES. THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TREATMENT IN THAT KIND OF
13 INTENSIVE PROGRAM IS GENERALLY A LITTLE LESS THAN TWO YEARS.
14 IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT PEOPLE ARE COMPLETELY RECOVERED FROM
15 THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS IN TWO YEARS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEY'RE STABILIZED.

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19 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** THEY'RE STABILIZED, AND WE'RE ABLE TO CONNECT
20 THEM WITH OTHER SERVICES THAT ARE NOT QUITE SO INTENSIVE AT
21 THE END OF THIS INTERVENTION.

22

23 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** AND FOR DRUG TREATMENT, WHAT I WOULD SAY IS
24 WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AS A CHRONIC
25 DISEASE. SO THERE IS NO SPECIFIC TIME FOR TREATMENT. IT'S

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1 DEPENDENT ON THE SEVERITY OF THE ADDICTION. AS A CHRONIC
2 DISEASE, AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONTROL THE BEHAVIOR RELATED TO
3 DRUG USE, BUT MAY NEED ADDITIONAL TREATMENT IN THE FUTURE AND
4 MAY NEED FOLLOW UP IN THE FUTURE, AS WELL. SO THERE IS NO
5 SPECIFIC TIME.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONGOING. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME WHEN
8 AN INDIVIDUAL NO LONGER HAD A HAMMER THAT THEY HAD TO SEEK THE
9 TREATMENT, MANY TAKE THE EASY WAY FOR FINDING AND AVOIDING
10 TREATMENT WITHOUT HAVING ANY FEAR FOR GOING BACK TO JAIL FOR
11 THE CRIME THEY COMMITTED. SO THAT'S THE PROBLEM THAT WE'RE
12 ENCOUNTERING. AND HOW WE GET THE INDIVIDUAL BACK INTO
13 TREATMENT TO STAY IN TREATMENT WITH THAT MOTIVATION TO BE IN
14 TREATMENT THAN TO WALK AWAY IS WHAT THOSE WHO ARE ASKING FOR
15 REFORMS IN 47 ARE SEEKING.

16

17 **CYNTHIA HARDING:** YEAH, I THINK THE POINT YOU'RE MAKING IS
18 HEARD, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE LEARNING AS
19 WE'RE WORKING WITH THE SEE-- THE UNITS THAT ARE ASSESSING
20 CLIENTS TO GO INTO TREATMENT, THAT THE JUSTICE-INVOLVED
21 POPULATION REQUIRES ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING
22 FOR OUR STAFF ON HOW TO WORK WITH THIS POPULATION TO GET THEM
23 MOTIVATED TO GET INTO TREATMENT. IT'S CRITICAL.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? WE HAVE A NUMBER
2 OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
3 BOTH OF YOU. INGRID ARCHE. THOMAS HOFFMAN. DIONNE WILSON.
4 KIMBERLEY GUILLEMET. OR GUILLEMET. NOW YOU EACH HAVE TWO
5 MINUTES.

6

7 **KIMBERLEY GUILLEMET :** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIMBERLEY
8 GUILLEMET. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF MAYOR GARCETTI'S OFFICE OF RE-
9 ENTRY. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, AND SUPERVISORS.
10 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALLOWING US TO BE HERE AND TO PARTNER
11 WITH YOU ON THIS IMPORTANT MOTION. MAYOR GARCETTI WOULD LIKE
12 TO EXPRESS HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS IMPORTANT MOTION.
13 THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 47, OUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE
14 SENT US A RESOUNDING MESSAGE: THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED. AS A
15 SOCIETY, WE ARE WORKING TOWARD A RESTORATIVE RESPONSE TO
16 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR RATHER THAN AN EXCLUSIVELY PUNITIVE ONE.
17 WITH THE TOOLS AND UNDERSTANDING WE POSSESS, WE HAVE AN
18 OBLIGATION TO WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE THE BEST AND GREATEST
19 NUMBER OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR FORMERLY INCARCERATED
20 NEIGHBORS SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE EVERY CHANCE TO BECOME THEIR
21 BEST SELVES. THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR. THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND
22 COST- EFFICIENT STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS
23 FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL RE-ENTRY AND REDUCE RECIDIVISM ARE
24 THROUGH A MULTISYSTEMIC AND MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH. THE
25 MOTION PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS TODAY

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1 DOES EXACTLY THAT AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. RE-
2 ENTRY IS AN ISSUE THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO MAYOR GARCETTI,
3 AND HE BELIEVES THAT IT LIES AT THE HEART OF IMPROVING PUBLIC
4 SAFETY AND BOOSTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, NOT JUST FOR OUR
5 CITY AND COUNTY BUT FOR THE ENTIRE NATION. IT IS FOR THIS
6 REASON THAT MAYOR GARCETTI, IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR,
7 ESTABLISHED THE FIRST OFFICE OF RE-ENTRY IN THE HISTORY OF THE
8 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, MAKING HIM THE FIRST MAYOR TO DO SO AND
9 DEDICATE ANY RESOURCES RATHER TO RE-ENTRY SINCE MAYOR TOM
10 BRADLEY. AS THE HEAD OF THAT OFFICE, I AM HUMBLLED ON A DAILY
11 BASIS BY WHAT I WITNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. MEN AND WOMEN
12 DEDICATING THEMSELVES TO DO THIS RESTORATIVE WORK ON BEHALF
13 OUR OF OUR RE-ENTERING RESIDENTS AND MANY OF THEM ARE HERE
14 TODAY AMONG US AND I APPLAUD THEM. IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT
15 WE ARE SO EXCITED ABOUT THIS MOTION, AND WE ARE HAPPY THAT IT
16 WILL CREATE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COMMUNITY TO INFORM THE RE-
17 ENTRY POLICY CONVERSATION. THIS IS CRITICAL WORK. MAY I WRAP
18 UP? I'M SORRY. THIS IS CRITICAL WORK THAT REQUIRES ALL HANDS
19 ON DECK. THAT IS WHY THE MAYOR SO STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS
20 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY. BY LEVERAGING OUR COLLECTIVE
21 RESOURCES, KNOW HOW, STAFF AND COMMITMENT WE CAN ADDRESS AND
22 REMOVE BARRIERS TO RE-ENTRY ON A MUCH GREATER SCALE THAN ANY
23 OF US COULD EVER DO ALONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAVID
2 RATTRAY. YES, MA'AM. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **INGRID ARCHE:** HI, MY NAME IS INGRID ARCHE AND I'M HERE ON
5 BEHALF OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE. I AM ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO WAS
6 RELEASED JUST RECENTLY AUGUST THE 14TH BECAUSE OF PROP 47. YOU
7 ASKED THE QUESTION ON IF WE WERE RELEASED AND PROVIDED THE
8 RESOURCES TO GO INTO TREATMENT, WOULD WE GO? WELL, ON BEHALF
9 OF MYSELF AND I THINK A FEW OTHER PEOPLE BEHIND ME, THE ANSWER
10 IS YES. IF WE ARE PROVIDED THOSE RESOURCES, WE WILL TAKE
11 ADVANTAGE OF THEM. I ENTERED A NEW WAY OF LIFE ON MY OWN. I
12 HAVE SINCE GAINED EMPLOYMENT. AND I'VE ONLY BEEN OUT ABOUT 90
13 DAYS, ALMOST FOUR MONTHS. I AM RECEIVING REUNIFICATION
14 SERVICES WITH MY CHILDREN. AND I HAVE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE TO
15 GET MY DIPLOMA. I FEEL THAT IF WE KEEP THESE SERVICES INTACT,
16 THAT PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND I'M PRETTY MUCH SURE HALF THE ROOM
17 CAN AGREE THAT IT'S A SECOND CHANCE FOR US. AND WE ARE WILLING
18 TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. IF WE TAKE AWAY THESE SERVICES AND WE
19 KIND OF LIKE PUT THE LABEL THAT, OH, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE
20 ADVANTAGE OF IT, THEN WHERE DOES PUBLIC SAFETY LIE? PUBLIC
21 SAFETY LIES IN THE PUBLIC. WE'RE THE PUBLIC. WE'RE HERE. SO IN
22 ORDER FOR US TO PROVIDE THE SAFETY, WE NEED THE RESOURCES SO
23 THAT WE DO SO, WHICH INCLUDE HOUSING, JOBS, MENTAL HEALTH
24 SERVICES, SERVICES FOR THE YOUTH, SERVICES FOR, YOU KNOW, ALL

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1 OF US THAT COME TOGETHER COLLECTIVELY SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THE
2 STREETS OF L.A. SAFE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KOKAYI
5 KWA JITAHIDI. YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **DIONNE WILSON:** HI, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DIONNE WILSON. I'M
8 THE SURVIVOR PROGRAM ADVOCATE FOR CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND
9 JUSTICE. YOU KNOW, BEING THE WIDOW OF A POLICE OFFICER KILLED
10 IN THE LINE OF DUTY, I TAKE THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC SAFETY VERY
11 SERIOUSLY. IT'S AN ISSUE THAT'S VERY CLOSE TO MY HEART FOR
12 MANY REASONS, BUT PRIMARILY I'M CONCERNED WITH ADVOCATING FOR
13 PROPER INVESTMENT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PRACTICES THAT
14 ACTUALLY REDUCE RECIDIVISM. I'M A PART OF THE STATEWIDE
15 NETWORK CALLED CRIME SURVIVORS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE. AND WE
16 ADVOCATE FOR SURVIVOR NEEDS IN THIS ERA OF CHANGE BECAUSE
17 THOSE MOST EXPOSED TO CRIME AND VIOLENCE ARE OFTEN THE LEAST
18 SUPPORTED. WE KNOW THAT UNRESOLVED TRAUMA IS A MAJOR DRIVER OF
19 CRIME. BUT THOSE VICTIMS REMAIN UNRECOGNIZED. I ACKNOWLEDGE
20 AND THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO
21 MADAME SOLIS FOR HER BRILLIANT PIECE IN "THE HUFFINGTON POST."
22 IT WAS SPOT ON. AND EVERYTHING YOU'VE SAID TODAY HAS BEEN SPOT
23 ON. MS. KUEHL, AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. AND YOU'VE
24 BEEN DILIGENT IN TRACKING PROP 47 AND THINKING CREATIVELY
25 AROUND WHAT IT MEANS FOR THE L.A. JUSTICE SYSTEM. AND THERE

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1 ARE CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTING IT IN A BIG COUNTY LIKE L.A.
2 BUT WE BELIEVE THAT WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP, IT CAN SET AN
3 EXAMPLE FOR OTHER LARGE COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE. AND WE
4 BELIEVE THESE CHANGES SHOULD INCLUDE AN EXPANDED USE OF RISK
5 ASSESSMENT TOOLS AT EVERY STAGE OF THE PROCESS, UTILIZING
6 SUPERVISED PROBATION WITH MANDATED TREATMENT, POLICE DIVERSION
7 PROGRAMS LIKE THE LEAD PROGRAM THAT HAS BECOME A NATIONAL
8 MODEL. THE ROLE THIS BOARD IS PLAYING IS CRUCIAL. AND WE WANT
9 TO BE A RESOURCE. PROP 47 HAS--

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WRAP IT UP.

12

13 **DIONNE WILSON:** OKAY. I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT PASSING THIS
14 RESOLUTION TODAY IS NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF CRIME VICTIMS. IT'S
15 ACTUALLY IN HONOR OF THEM.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL
18 UP SCOTT BUDNICK? YES, SIR.

19

20 **THOMAS HOFFMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS TOM HOFFMAN. I'M A
21 RETIRED POLICE CHIEF, DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE CITY OF WEST
22 SACRAMENTO. I SERVED FOR 20 YEARS IN INGLEWOOD P.D., OFFICER
23 TO CAPTAIN. I LEFT INGLEWOOD AND WENT TO WEST SACRAMENTO
24 INITIALLY AS CAPTAIN, WENT TO DEPUTY CHIEF AND LEFT AS THE
25 INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE. I RETIRED IN 2004 AND IN 2006 I HAD

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1 THE EVENT THAT CHANGED MY LIFE. I WAS ASKED TO BECOME THE
2 DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA ADULT PAROLE FOR C.D.C.R. I ONLY WISH I
3 HAD BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF PAROLE BEFORE I'D BEEN THE POLICE
4 CHIEF. I WOULD HAVE BEEN A MUCH BETTER POLICE CHIEF BECAUSE
5 FOR THE FIRST TIME TWO THINGS HAPPEN AND THIS IS WHAT I SEE IN
6 THIS RESOLUTION. IT FORCES PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO CONNECT
7 THE DOTS ALL THROUGH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN A WAY
8 THAT'S POWERFUL. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IS
9 BUILT AROUND SILOS. EVERYBODY HAS A THING THEY DO AND THEY DO
10 IT WELL. IF THEIR OUTCOMES MATCH A DESIRED OUTCOME THAT
11 ANYBODY SHARES, THAT'S COINCIDENCE. WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH
12 THINGS LIKE 47 AND A.B.109 BUT CERTAINLY FOR 47, FOR THE FIRST
13 TIME EVERYBODY NEEDS TO BE UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS A
14 DESIRED OUTCOME AND WHAT PART OF THE PUZZLE THEY PLAY A ROLE
15 IN AND OPERATE ACCORDINGLY. THAT'S LONG, LONG OVERDUE. I ALSO
16 THINK WHEN WE USE THIS WORD "PUBLIC SAFETY" AND I THINK OFTEN
17 WE USE IT TO SCARE PEOPLE. PUBLIC SAFETY NO LONGER MEANS
18 ALMOST IN TOTALITY. DID YOU CATCH THEM? YES. DID YOU THROW
19 THEM IN PRISON FOR A LONG, LONG TIME? YES. OKAY, THAT'S PUBLIC
20 SAFETY. REALLY, WHAT PUBLIC SAFETY IS ADDRESSING THE CAUSE AND
21 THE FACTORS OF CRIME AND DISORDER IN OUR COMMUNITIES IN A WAY
22 THAT'S THOUGHTFUL SO THAT WE HONOR OUR VICTIMS BY HAVING THEM
23 NOT BE VICTIMS. AFTER THE FACT IT'S TOO LATE NO MATTER HOW YOU
24 WANT TO CHARACTERIZE IT. PEOPLE FEEL MAYBE A LITTLE BETTER, A
25 LITTLE RELIEF OUT OF SOMEONE SERVING A LONG SENTENCE TERM, BUT

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1 IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER IF WE GOT IN FRONT OF IT INSTEAD OF
2 BEHIND IT. THIS SORT OF ACTION BY THE BOARD DOES JUST THAT. IT
3 DOESN'T SCARE PEOPLE. IT GIVES US A PRESCRIPTION FOR
4 SUCCESSFUL WAY IN A POWERFUL WAY THAT I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF
5 AND WILL DO ANYTHING I CAN TO HELP THIS CAUSE ALL AROUND THIS
6 STATE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN
9 KIM. JOHN KIM. YES, SIR.

10

11 **DAVID RATTRAY:** HELLO, MR. MAYOR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 DAVID RATTRAY. I'M THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION
13 AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE L.A. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
14 PLEASED TO BE WITH YOU HERE TODAY. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS
15 AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING FORWARD THIS MOTION. I COME TO
16 YOU OFFERING THE L.A. CHAMBER'S SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. SINCE
17 2014, WE'VE BUILT PARTNERSHIPS WITH LEADERS THROUGHOUT THIS
18 REGION INVOLVED IN REFORM MOVEMENTS. WE SUPPORTED PROP 47. IN
19 FACT, WE TOOK OUR BOARD TO MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND TWIN TOWERS
20 LAST JANUARY AND MET MANY INMATES THAT HAD BEGUN TO TURN THEIR
21 LIVES AROUND AND WERE ASKING FOR THAT SECOND CHANCE. WE'VE
22 PARTNERED WITH YOUR L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION AND YOUR
23 COUNTY PROBATION. AND WE NOW HAVE A STAFF MEMBER THAT WE HIRED
24 TO WORK WITH YOUNG OFFENDERS AND HELP THEM IN THEIR RE-ENTRY.
25 WE ARE NOW PARTNERING WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON

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1 BACK ON TRACK. AND WITH YOUR AGENCIES TO HIRE ANOTHER PERSON
2 WHO'S GOING TO HELP SOME OF OUR ADULT OFFENDERS GET BACK ON
3 TRACK. WE GET IT. THE CHAMBER CARES ABOUT THE REALITY THAT
4 UNLESS FORMERLY INCARCERATED HAVE A PATH BACK INTO EMPLOYMENT,
5 INTO A PRODUCTIVE ROLE IN SOCIETY, WE ARE OTHERWISE REFUSING
6 THEM THAT OPPORTUNITY AND REFUSING OUR COMPANIES THE CHANCE TO
7 HIRE SOME GREAT PEOPLE. WE WALK OUR OWN TALK. WE THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR SOLIS. YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THE YOUNG MAN THAT SCOTT
9 ACTUALLY INTRODUCED ME TO, KENT MENDOZA. AND WE HIRED KENT, A
10 FORMERLY INCARCERATED YOUNG MAN, WHO GOT HIS SENTENCED
11 REDUCED, TURNED HIS LIFE AROUND, THANKS IN NO SMALL PART TO
12 SCOTT BUDNICK. HE WORKS FOR ME NOW. AND HE IS ONE OF THE SUPER
13 STARS OF THE L.A. CHAMBER AND HE WILL DO GREAT THINGS FOR
14 OTHER PEOPLE. WE HIRED YOUNG STEPHANIE VALDEVIA WHO YOU MAY
15 HAVE SEEN IN THE L.A. TIMES FRONT PAGE ARTICLE A FEW WEEKS AGO
16 AS AN INTERN. AND OUR COMPANIES ARE READY. AND WITH SAYING OUR
17 COMPANIES ARE READY TO REALLY BE A PARTNER WITH YOU AND IF
18 WE'RE ASKED, WE WILL SERVE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL
21 UP TIM ROBBINS. TIM ROBBINS? YES, SIR.

22

23 **KOKAYI KWA JITAHIDI:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS KOKAYI KWA
24 JITAHIDI, POLICY DIRECTOR FOR THE L.A. COUNTY FEDERATION OF
25 LABOR AND ON BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TREASURER

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1 RUSTY HICKS AND OUR 300 AFFILIATES AND OVER 600,000 MEMBERS,
2 WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE
3 COMMENTS FROM SUPERVISOR KUEHL EARLIER IN FAVOR OF THIS
4 MOTION. OBVIOUSLY AS WAS STATED EARLIER, ORGANIZED LABOR IS
5 VERY COMMITTED TO THIS ISSUE. THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF
6 WORKERS ARE KEPT OUT OF ACCESS OF QUALITY UNION JOBS BECAUSE
7 OF WHAT WE FEEL ARE ERRONEOUS BACKGROUND ISSUES. THIS
8 TRANSITION THAT IS BEING FACILITATED BY PROP 47 WILL TRANSFORM
9 THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF ANGELINOS WHO HAVE NOT ONLY ACCESS
10 TO LIFE SUPPORTING AND SUSTAINING SERVICES BUT ALSO WE KNOW
11 FAMILY SUPPORTING JOBS, WHICH WE KNOW ARE ABSOLUTELY,
12 POSITIVELY KEY TO ANY TRANSITION. AND SO ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE
13 ALSO PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS. WE HAVE SPONSORED
14 VARIOUS FAIRS AND VARIOUS EVENTS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS TO
15 MAKE SURE THAT FOLKS WHO ARE IMPACTED BY PROP 47 AND OTHER
16 ISSUES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY
17 JOBS AND ALSO THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED TO TRANSITION
18 SITTING RIGHT HERE WITH ONE ANOTHER ONE OF OUR PARTNERS, SCOTT
19 BUDNICK WHO WE LOOK TO EXPAND THE WORK BEFORE PEOPLE EVEN GET
20 OUT SO THAT THEY KNOW ONCE THEY ENTER INTO THE COMMUNITIES
21 WHAT SERVICES AND WHAT JOBS AND WHAT OPPORTUNITIES THEY HAVE
22 AFFORDABLE TO THEM. SO ONCE AGAIN, ON BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE
23 SECRETARY AND TREASURER, RUSTY HICKS, WE STAND HERE 100
24 PERCENT IN SUPPORT AND ARE GLAD TO BE IN SUPPORT OF THIS
25 MOTION. THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT YEAR IN THE COUNTY AS WE RAISE

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1 AND ENFORCE THE WAGE. OUR OWN RESEARCH SHOWS THAT FOLKS WHO
2 ARE IMPACTED BY PROP 47 DISPROPORTIONATELY ARE IN THE LOWER
3 RUNGS OF THE WAGE EARNERS IN THIS COUNTY. AND SO WHILE WE'RE
4 RAISING ENFORCING THE WAGE, I THINK THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO END
5 THE YEAR TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES FOR THE
6 JOBS THEY NEED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALSO CALL UP KARREN
9 LANE. YES, SIR.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** GREAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU,
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR THIS GREAT
13 MOTION. I'M REPRESENTING THE ANTI-RECIDIVISM COALITION, A
14 GROUP OF 240 SUCCESSFUL, MORAL AND TRANSFORMED FORMERLY
15 INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN. WE POLLED THE EXPERTS, THE
16 FORMERLY INCARCERATED, ON WHAT THEY NEEDED WHEN THEY CAME
17 HOME. AND THEY SAID NUMBER 1, BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS, WAS
18 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. NUMBER 2 WAS MENTORS. NUMBER 3 WAS JOBS
19 AND JOBS TRAINING. NUMBER 4 WAS TRAUMA. AND THAT IS SUPPORTED
20 BY RECENT OP. ED.S BY NEWT GINGRICH, GROVER NORQUIST, RAND
21 PAUL AND THE KOCH BROTHERS. WE RECENTLY STARTED AN A.R.C.
22 HOUSING INITIATIVE THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL AT L.A. MISSION
23 COLLEGE IN HER DISTRICT. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE 24 FORMERLY
24 INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN LIVING THERE, GOING TO COLLEGE AT
25 L.A. MISSION COLLEGE WITH STAFF AND WITH SUPPORT. AND I'D ALSO

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1 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HELPING US LET THOSE
2 FOLKS IN OUR HOUSING MENTOR YOUTH IN JUVENILE HALL IN SYLMAR
3 AND CAMPS SCOTT AND SCUDDER IN YOUR DISTRICT. AND WE PLAN ON
4 EXPANDING THAT HOUSING INTO M.R.T. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
5 DISTRICT BECAUSE WE'VE SEEN IN A YEAR WHAT A 71 PERCENT
6 STATEWIDE RECIDIVISM IN THE SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM
7 CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, THERE'S BEEN 2.5 PERCENT IN
8 RECIDIVISM. I'D LIKE TO MENTION JOSE WHO'S SITTING IN THE
9 OFFICE RIGHT HERE. HE WAS 16 YEARS OLD WHEN HE WAS ARRESTED.
10 HE SPENT 20 YEARS IN ADULT PRISON. HE WAS JUST PAROLED THIS
11 APRIL AT 35 YEARS OLD. HE CAME HOME WITH NO FAMILY. HE WENT IN
12 AS A CHILD. HE CAME HOME NEEDED HOUSING, NEEDING SUPPORT. HE
13 CAME THROUGH THE PAROLE BOARD. SO AS LIFER, HE RAN SELF-HELP
14 PROGRAMS. HE RAN THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAMS. AND JOSE STAND
15 UP REAL QUICK. JOSE IS NOW TRANSFERRING TO CAL STATE L.A. TO
16 MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY. AND WORKING FULL-TIME AT A.R.C. AND HUMAN
17 RIGHTS WATCH. I'D LIKE TO CLOSE BY SAYING THAT OUR MEN AND
18 WOMEN AFFECTED BY PROP 47 ARE COMING HOME WITH A LOT MORE
19 ISSUES THAN JOSE. HE DID A LOT OF TIME BUT THEY HAVE A LOT OF
20 SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. AND IF THEY CAN BE TREATED, IF THEY
21 CAN BE SUPPORTED BY PEOPLE THAT CARE ABOUT THEM AND SHOW THEM
22 LOVE AND HELP THEM GET OVER THEIR ISSUES, WE WILL HAVE A MUCH
23 SAFER SOCIETY AND MUCH MORE SUCCESS STORIES LIKE JOSE IN THE
24 OFFICE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3 **JOHN KIM:** THANK YOU MAYOR ANTONOVICH. GOOD MORNING,
4 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOHN KIM. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
5 OF THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT CALIFORNIA. ON BEHALF OF THE
6 ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE
7 MOTION IN FRONT OF YOU. TODAY REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT TIPPING
8 POINT FOR THE COUNTY. FOR A GENERATION NOW, WE HAVE SEEN TOO
9 OFTEN AN OVERRELIANCE ON INCARCERATION TO SOLVE TOO MANY OF
10 SOCIETY'S ILLS. WE'VE SEEN INCARCERATION USED TO MANAGE
11 POVERTY. WE'VE SEEN INCARCERATION USED TO MANAGE DEPENDENCY,
12 TO MANAGE MENTAL ILLNESS AND ACTUALLY IN SO MANY WAYS, WE ARE
13 HEARING FROM THE VOTERS, ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW DAY IN L.A.
14 COUNTY. IT WAS AS THOUGH WE HAD THIS HAMMER IN OUR TOOLKIT AND
15 ALL WE HAD WAS THIS HAMMER AND THEREFORE EVERYTHING LOOKED
16 LIKE A NAIL AND WE WANTED TO HIT IT IN PLACE. BUT WITH THIS
17 MOTION, L.A. COUNTY IS NOW SAYING THAT ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WITH
18 A WIDE CANON OF RESEARCH BEHIND US, WITH THE VOICES OF THE
19 VOTERS BEHIND US, WE ARE CLEAR THAT OVERALL RELIANCE ON THIS
20 TACTIC IS INSUFFICIENT AND THEREFORE WE NEED TO ADD NEW TOOLS
21 TO THE TOOLKIT. BUT REIMAGINING A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO
22 THIS GENERATIONAL PROBLEM WILL TAKE A LOT OF HARD WORK,
23 RIGOROUS RESEARCH AND MANY VOICES COMING TOGETHER. THIS MOTION
24 CREATES THE FRAMEWORK FOR ALL OF THAT HARD WORK. AND WE STAND
25 HERE TODAY WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS, BUSINESS, PHILANTHROPY, TO

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1 SAY WE'RE HERE TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM TOGETHER. I WANT TO SHOUT
2 OUT TO A LOT OF THE COMMUNITY GROUPS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKING
3 SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE SUPERVISOR OFFICES AND US AND OTHERS. I
4 WANT TO SHOUT OUT TO COMMUNITY COALITION, L.A. C.A.N. FOLKS
5 LIKE A NEW WAY OF LIFE. L.A. VOICE WHO HAVE ALL COME TOGETHER
6 TO BRING THEIR VOICES AND THEIR POWER AND THEIR STRENGTH AND
7 THEIR COMMUNITY WISDOM TO HELP SOLVE THIS TOGETHER. I'LL
8 LASTLY JUST SAY THAT ONE THING THAT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT IS
9 GOING TO PARTICULARLY FOCUS ON IS PUTTING TRANSPARENCY AND
10 SUNLIGHT IN THE BUDGET SO WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE QUESTIONS
11 ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT TO PULL THE LEVERS OF EXTENDED STAYS IN
12 PRISON OR JAILS, THAT WE DO SO ALL FORTHRIGHTLY AND THAT WE
13 ALL KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT WHEN WE MAKE SOME OF THESE
14 DECISIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

17

18 **TIM ROBBINS:** HI, I'M TIM ROBBINS. I'M THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF
19 THE ACTORS GANG ARTS ORGANIZATION BASED IN CULVER CITY. FOR
20 THE LAST NINE YEARS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN THE CALIFORNIA
21 STATE PRISON SYSTEM WITH A GROUP CALLED THE PRISON PROJECT. WE
22 GO INTO PRISON, WORK WITH MEN AND WOMEN AND WE HAVE FOUND AN
23 EFFECTIVE METHOD OF REHABILITATION. I'VE SEEN, I'VE WITNESSED
24 PERSONALLY AS I PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, I'VE WITNESSED
25 CYNICAL REMOVED PEOPLE TURNING INTO LEADERS, TURNING INTO

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1 PEOPLE FULL OF HOPE, PEOPLE THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED THEIR LIVES
2 EFFECTIVELY THROUGH THIS ARTS PROGRAM. IF I WERE TO TESTIFY
3 THAT I HAD A DRUG THAT COULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE RECIDIVISM,
4 AFTER A PRETRIAL STUDY, IF 2 OUT OF 500 REOFFENDED, IF I COULD
5 TELL YOU THAT THAT SAME DRUG RESULTED IN 89 PERCENT REDUCTION
6 IN PRISON INFRACTIONS CALLED 115S, WHAT KIND OF FUNDING WOULD
7 BE FREED UP IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THIS DRUG? I'M HERE TO
8 TESTIFY THAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE RESULTS OF TESTS THAT HAVE BEEN
9 DONE ON OUR PROGRAM, THAT WE HAVE AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM. YET,
10 WHENEVER I SEE NEW MONEY FREED UP FOR REHABILITATION, ARTS ARE
11 NOT IN THE DISCUSSION. I'M HERE TO ASK THAT YOU BRING ARTS
12 INTO THE DISCUSSION AS AN EFFECTIVE AND IMPORTANT
13 REHABILITATIVE TOOL. WE'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY STATE DEPARTMENT
14 OF CORRECTIONS HEAD JEFFREY-- OH, WELL. WE BEEN WITNESSED IN
15 PERSON BY JEFFREY BEARD. WE'VE BEEN WITNESSED IN PERSON BY THE
16 U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER. WE HAVE HAD TIME AND AGAIN
17 PEOPLE WITNESSING THIS TRULY EFFECTIVE WORK. I WOULD ASK THAT
18 WHEN THIS MONEY AND I HOPE IT DOES FREE UP AND I THANK YOU FOR
19 THE WORK YOU'RE DOING, SUPERVISORS, IN THIS EFFORT, WHEN THIS
20 MONEY DOES FREE UP, I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER OUR EXPERIENCE AND
21 OUR CONSULTATION WITH REGARDS TO HOW TO EFFECTIVELY USE THIS
22 MONEY INSTEAD OF PUTTING THE MONEY INTO THE OLD PARADIGM THAT
23 HAS RESULTED IN A 61 PERCENT RECIDIVISM RATE IN THE STATE OF
24 CALIFORNIA.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES,
2 MA 'AM.

3

4 **KARREN LANE:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS KARREN LANE. I AM THE
5 VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY AT COMMUNITY COALITION, A NONPROFIT
6 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. FOR THE
7 LAST 40 YEARS, OUR BROKEN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS DRAINED
8 COMMUNITIES LIKE SOUTH LOS ANGELES OF THE NECESSARY RESOURCES
9 TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF CRIME. BUT WE ARE IN A MOMENT OF
10 UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY. AN OPPORTUNITY TO CORRECT THE
11 COURSE OF HISTORY, A COURSE CORRECTION THAT JUST ONE YEAR AGO
12 AFTER DECADES OF MASS INCARCERATION, WE ALTERED WITH THE
13 PASSAGE OF PROP 47. THE MEN AND WOMEN BEHIND ME TALK TO
14 THOUSANDS OF VOTERS, KNOCK ON THOUSANDS OF DOORS. THOSE WHO
15 COULDN'T WALK, MADE THOUSANDS OF CALLS. WE COME FROM
16 NEIGHBORHOODS WITH THE HIGHEST RATES OF CRIME IN THE COUNTY,
17 THE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT TOUGH ON CRIME POLICIES AND SUPPRESSION
18 FAILED. SO WE WALKED UNTIL WE WON. AND NOW WE ARE HERE TO REAP
19 THE BENEFITS OF OUR HARD WORK. WE ARE HERE TO ENSURE THAT LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY IMPLEMENTS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT
21 PROP 47, A PLAN THAT IS TRANSPARENT, A PLAN THAT IS GROUNDED
22 IN THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE COMMUNITY AND CONNECTS PEOPLE TO
23 THE SERVICES AND JOBS. TODAY WE ASK YOU TO SUPPORT THE MOTION
24 BEFORE YOU BUT WE ALSO ASK YOU TO GO FURTHER. WE ASK YOU TO
25 SUBMIT TO A PLAN FOR COMPREHENSIVE REFORM. WE ASK YOU TO

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1 COMMIT YOURSELVES TO BREAKING THE PIPELINES FROM FOSTER CARE
2 TO PRISON, TO COMMIT YOURSELVES TO CHILDREN BEING HELD IN
3 JUVENILE HALLS AND CAMPS, TO COMMIT YOURSELVES TO THE
4 UNDOCUMENTED BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO PROP 47 DOESN'T TOUCH.
5 WE ASK YOU TO COMMIT YOURSELF TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN AND
6 MOTHERS WHO ARE BEING HELD IN COUNTY JAILS. WE ASK FOR YOU
7 COMMIT TO ESTABLISHING A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD FOR THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH SUBPOENA POWER. WE ASK YOU TO COMMIT
9 TO HOLDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR ITS SILENT
10 PROTEST AGAINST THE VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY THROUGH ITS
11 IMPLEMENTATIONS OF A CITE AND RELEASE PROCESS THAT IS NOT
12 REQUIRED UNDER PROP 47. AND NOW I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE GANG
13 INTERVENTIONAL PEACE BUILDERS CLERGY KINSHIP FAMILIES, YOUNG
14 PEOPLE IN RESIDENCE TO STAND UP, THOSE WHO COMMITTED
15 THEMSELVES TO PROP 47. THOSE WHO KNOCKED ON DOORS AND MADE
16 PHONE CALLS. AND THOSE WHO WORK EVERY DAY TO MAKE THEIR
17 COMMUNITY SAFER AND MAKE SURE THAT THEIR FAMILIES THRIVE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. BECAUSE OF
20 THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WE HAVE WHO ARE GOING TO BE CALLED UP TO
21 SPEAK WE WILL LIMIT IT TO 1 MINUTE EACH. SO I'LL CALL UP
22 PATRICIA WENSKUNAS. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. PETER LAARMAN. JOSE
23 OSUNA. WE HAVE ABOUT 60 PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP SO IT WILL
24 BE ANOTHER HOUR. YES, MA'AM.

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** MAYOR ANTONOVICH, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YES, PROP
2 47 WAS PASSED BECAUSE MOST THOUGHT IT WAS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY.
3 PROP 47 HAS CREATED MORE CRIME IN OUR SCHOOLS AND ALL RESPECTS
4 TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS ARE NO LONGER SAFE. THIS IS FACTUAL AND
5 DATA-DRIVEN. CAN I HAVE A SECOND CHANCE? I AM A SURVIVOR OF
6 ATTEMPTED MURDER AND I AM LIVING A LIFE SENTENCE. EVERY CRIME
7 HAS A VICTIM. EVERY PERSON DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE. BUT NOT
8 EVERYONE WANTS IT. AND HOW MANY CHANCES: ONE, TWO, THREE, 22,
9 55? HOW MANY CHANCES WITH KNOWING THAT WITH EVERY SECOND
10 CHANCE, THERE ARE MANY MORE VICTIMS, THOUSANDS, THAT CANNOT
11 WORK OR FUNCTION AND ARE LIVING A LIFE SENTENCE? IF YOU WANT
12 TO PROVIDE MORE MONIES FOR REHABILITATION AND RELEASES, PLEASE
13 BALANCE THE SCALES OF JUSTICE AND GIVE THE EXACT SAME
14 OPPORTUNITIES FOR VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME AND TO BUSINESS
15 OWNERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT SO WE WILL ALL LIVE IN THE REALITY
16 OF SECOND CHANCES. PLEASE REMOVE MY LIFE SENTENCE OF TRAUMA,
17 P.T.S.D., ANXIETY, DEPRESSION AND HELP THE THOUSANDS THAT WE
18 HELP LIVING VICTIMS' LIFE SENTENCES EACH AND EVERY DAY. I ASK
19 FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO CRIME SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS EVERYWHERE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. AMBER
22 ROSE HOWARD. AMBER ROSE HOWARD. THANK YOU. JOSEPH?

23

24 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SOME OF THE REPORTS I READ
25 SOME OF THE COUNTIES THAT HAVE HAD HAVE INCREASED THE SERVICES

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1 LIKE ARE BEING CONTEMPLATED HERE HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED THE
2 CRIME STATISTICS. BUT I'M HESITANT TO TIE THOSE THINGS
3 TOGETHER. WE JUST DON'T KNOW. BUT A GOOD STUDY WOULD DO WHAT
4 JUDGES BRANDLIN AND GORDON SAID TO YOUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES AT
5 THE END OF OCTOBER. AND THAT IS WITH THE NEW SENTENCING THAT
6 THEY WANTED TO INSTITUTE IN THEIR COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE
7 COURTS, THEY WANTED TO INSTITUTE CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKING OF
8 PROGRAMS, PEOPLE AND OUTCOMES. THAT WOULD BE A WORTHY STUDY,
9 AS THE HEALTH PEOPLE SPOKE TO YOU TODAY. I ASK AGAIN. I WOULD
10 VOLUNTEER. CHIEF POWERS SAID AND I BELIEVE YOU WERE ATTENDING,
11 IT WAS A C.C.J.C.C. MEETING NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR,
12 THAT POLICE EFFORTS WERE SHIFTING FROM SOME OF THE 47
13 MISDEMEANORS TO D.U.I., A VERY DANGEROUS OFFENSE, AND TO
14 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WHICH YOU AND I, MR. MAYOR, AGREE ON IS
15 HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE TO CHILDREN AND THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. I WOULD
16 VOLUNTEER TO BE A VICTIM OF A REPEAT PETTY THEFT IF IT MEANT
17 THAT WE COULD HAVE STEVE JOHNSON AND HIS MIXED INTERVENTION
18 TEAMS OF SHERIFFS AND MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS AND SOCIAL
19 WORKERS INTERVENING IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, INTERVENING--

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, JOSEPH.

22

23 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** INTERVENING IN THOSE-- I VOLUNTEER.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE COULD WALK AROUND THE
2 STREETS, YOU MIGHT BE THAT VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR, THEN.

3

4 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES. BUT I BELIEVE THAT
5 WITH THE SERVICES BEING PLANNED TODAY AND BEING EXECUTED AND
6 IMPLEMENTED WITH INCREASED REVENUE AND LET'S ALL FIGHT FOR IT,
7 I THINK THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KWAZI
10 NKRUMAH. YES, SIR.

11

12 **JOSE OSUNA:** THANK YOU, MAYOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
13 IS JOSE OSUNA, AND I SERVE AS DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOR
14 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES, THE WORLD'S LARGEST GANG REHABILITATION
15 PROGRAM AND RE-ENTRY FACILITY. I'M HERE IN REPRESENTATION OF
16 THE ORGANIZATION OF FATHER GREGORY BOYLE, OUR FOUNDER. WE'RE
17 HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. WE TRULY APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR
18 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS BRINGING THIS FORTH. WE
19 ALSO ARE HERE REPRESENTING OVER 12,000 PEOPLE THAT WALK
20 THROUGH OUR DOORS ,SEEKING THE TYPE OF SUPPORT SERVICES THAT
21 PROP 47 CALLS FOR. WE'RE ALSO VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION
22 BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ANSWERS ARE NOT JUST WITHIN LAW
23 ENFORCEMENT AND THE JUDICIARY BODY WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS
24 ANGELES BUT ALSO WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
25 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. WE HAVE A 30 PERCENT RECIDIVISM RATE AT

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1 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES WHICH IS IN CONTRAST TO THE 70 PERCENT
2 RECIDIVISM RATE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. AND THIS IS DUE IN
3 PART TO THE FACT THAT WE'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT
4 SERVICES THAT MANY OF THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE BENEFITING FROM
5 PROP 47 NEED AND ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF. SO WE ASK YOU TO
6 FULLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION. WE HOPE THAT IT PASSES UNANIMOUSLY
7 TODAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. AND ALSO TELL FATHER BOYLE
10 "HELLO."

11

12 **JOSE OSUNA:** I WILL.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HE'S A GOOD MAN. MANUEL ZARATE. YES,
15 SIR PASTOR.

16

17 **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, REVEREND PETER LAARMAN
18 WITH THE JUSTICE NOT JAILS COALITION. I, TOO, LEND MY VOICE IN
19 STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS. THE URGENCY IS BOTH PRACTICAL AND
20 MORAL. THE NUMBER THAT'S BEEN CITED OF 695,000 PERSONS, I DID
21 A LITTLE BIT OF CHECKING. THAT'S A CITY OF GOD'S CHILDREN.
22 THAT'S A CITY OF PEOPLE WHO DESPERATELY NEED THIS ASSISTANCE.
23 IT'S MORE PEOPLE THAN LIVE IN DETROIT, THAN LIVE IN SEATTLE,
24 DENVER, WASHINGTON, D.C., MEMPHIS, BOSTON, NASHVILLE,
25 BALTIMORE, OKLAHOMA CITY, PORTLAND, LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, I

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1 COULD GO ON. 695,000 PEOPLE IS A LOT OF SACRED HUMAN BEINGS
2 WHO DESPERATELY NEED THIS SERVICE AND SUPPORT. I THANK YOU FOR
3 CRAFTING THE MOTION THE WAY YOU'VE DONE. IT SEEMS TO ME IT'S
4 GOT THE BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT OF SUCCESS. WE ALL HAVE TO LIVE
5 WITH YOU AND LIVE WITH IT AND MAKE IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR, VERY MUCH.
8 LET ME ALSO CALL UP JACQUELINE MEJIA. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **AMBER ROSE HOWARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS AMBER ROSE
11 HOWARD, AN ORGANIZER WITH ALL OF US OR NONE. I'M IN FAVOR OF
12 PROP 47 BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND VERY PERSONALLY THE DESPERATION A
13 PERSON FEELS AFTER HAVING MADE A MISTAKE AND NEEDING
14 FORGIVENESS AND NEEDING ANOTHER CHANCE. PROP 47 PROVIDES THE
15 OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT CHANCE. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THE MOTION SET FORTH BY SUPERVISOR
17 SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAUSE WHILE CANVASSING DIFFERENT
18 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I FIND THAT 2 OUT OF THREE
19 PEOPLE QUALIFY TO BENEFIT FROM PROP 47 BUT ARE NOT EVEN AWARE
20 THAT PROP 47 EXISTS FOR THEM. IT IS A LAW, AND IF WE ARE TO
21 SEE THIS LAW TRANSFORM OUR CITY IN THE WAY THAT OUR CITY CAN
22 REACH ITS FULL POTENTIAL, THEN WE NEED A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT.
23 WE NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND FOR OUR APPOINTED
24 LEADERS CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION SO THAT WE
25 CAN GET PEOPLE A CHANCE THAT THEY NEED. THAT WE MUST PROVE

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1 THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE
2 PEOPLE DOES NOT PERISH FROM THIS EARTH BUT MOVES FORWARD IN
3 SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE IN WAYS SUCH AS THIS AS WE HAVE CHOSEN
4 YOU TO DO. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DR.
7 MICHAEL FISHER. YES, SIR.

8

9 **KWAZI NKRUMAH:** MY NAME IS KWAZI NKRUMAH. I'M THE CO-CHAIR OF
10 THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COALITION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. WE
11 ARE VERY STRONGLY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MOTION. WE'D LIKE TO ALSO
12 THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THEIR WORK
13 ON THIS. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT 680,000 PEOPLE IN THE
14 CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THIS KIND OF
15 LEGISLATION, I MEAN, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A MASSIVE LEVEL OF
16 MARGINALIZATION OF PEOPLE WHICH HAS CREATED THIS SITUATION.
17 YOU CANNOT DENY COMMUNITIES BASIC SERVICES, EDUCATION AND JOBS
18 WITHOUT CREATING A SITUATION THAT LEADS TO MASS INCARCERATION
19 IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. BUT IT'S TIME TO CLOSE THE BOOK AND
20 TURN THE PAGE ON THIS. AND WE THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE
21 INITIATIVE TO DO SO. AND PROPOSITION 47 CLEARLY THE MAJORITY
22 OF THE VOTERS WERE CLEAR ABOUT IT. WE NEED TO MAKE IT WORK.
23 THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOUR EFFORT TO MAKE IT WORK.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. REVEREND OLIVER BUIE.

2 YES, SIR.

3

4 **MANUEL ZARATE:** HELLO, MY NAME IS MANUEL ZARATE. I WORK AT

5 HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES. I CAME HERE TODAY TO MAKE SURE

6 ORGANIZATIONS JUST LIKE HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES ARE ABLE TO HELP AS

7 MANY PEOPLE LIKE ME AS POSSIBLE. I GOT ARRESTED IN OCTOBER

8 2014 WITH A FELONY RECORD. IN NOVEMBER I GOT-- PROP 47 WENT

9 INTO EFFECT. I ENDED UP GETTING RELEASED IN DECEMBER. I WANT

10 TO MAKE SURE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE WOULD HAVE THE

11 HELP THAT I GOT. I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT WANTS HELP. I'M NOT

12 THE ONLY ONE THAT WANTS TO GET IT RIGHT. THERE'S OTHER PEOPLE

13 JUST LIKE THAT, THAT WANT TO DO THE RIGHT THING, WANT TO PUT

14 THEIR LIVES ON THE RIGHT PATH AGAIN.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **MANUEL ZARATE:** PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME CALL UP PASTOR

21 CUE JEAN MARIE. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **JACQUELINE MEJIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JACQUELINE MEJIA,

24 POLICY ADVOCATE WITH THE COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS

25 OF LOS ANGELES, C.H.I.R.L.A. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT FULL

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1 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSITION 47. IN NOVEMBER 2014 PROPOSITION
2 47 WAS APPROVED WITH NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF THE VOTE TO REDUCE
3 THE PENALTIES FOR 7 NONSERIOUS AND NONVIOLENT OFFENSES AND
4 MISDEMEANORS WHICH INCLUDE DRUG POSSESSION. THIS HAS ALREADY
5 REDUCED THE COUNTY JAIL AND STATE PRISON POPULATION.
6 INTERVENTION AND REHABILITATION IS THE ANSWER. THE INITIATIVE
7 IS A MODEL TO THE REST OF THE NATION AND WE APPLAUD SUPERVISOR
8 SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORWARD AS
9 WELL AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S SUPPORT. C.H.I.R.L.A. HAS
10 PARTICIPATED IN FORUMS SEEKING TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS ABOUT
11 PROPOSITION 47. IN OUR EXPERIENCE THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE
12 DONE IN THE LATINO AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES DUE TO THE LACK
13 OF TRUST. THE EFFORTS BY THE COMMUNITY MUST BE INCLUSIVE OF
14 THOSE COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM.
15 PARTNERSHIPS AND INPUT FROM ADVOCATES, COMMUNITY GROUPS AND
16 IMMIGRANT RIGHTS GROUPS, FORMERLY INCARCERATED PERSONS, MENTAL
17 HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND RESEARCHERS. THIS MOTION SYMBOLIZES
18 ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS INTEGRATING IMMIGRANTS INTO THE FABRIC OF
19 OUR COUNTY. WE HOPE YOU CAN COUNT ON YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP SISTER KAREN COLLIER.
22 YES, SIR.

23

24 **DR. MICHAEL FISHER:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE MAYOR AND TO THE
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DR. MICHAEL J. FISHER OF THE

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1 GREATER ZION CHURCH FAMILY IN COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. I ALSO
2 REPRESENT THE PUSH 100 INITIATIVE AND WE ARE IN ALLIANCE WITH
3 L.A. VOICES. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AND PASTORING
4 4,000 MEMBERS AND 70 PERCENT OF THEM ARE 35 AND UNDER. AND OF
5 COURSE ONE CAN IMAGINE BEING IN COMPTON, I PASTOR A LOT OF
6 PEOPLE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM PROP 47. MY OWN YOUTH ARE ABLE
7 TO GET JOBS AND BECOME THE MOTHERS AND THE FATHERS THAT THEY
8 NEED TO BE BECAUSE OF THIS PROPOSITION GOING FORTH. IT IS
9 IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE COMMITS TO IT. YOU KNOW, IT'S
10 INTERESTING THAT WE TALK ABOUT DROPPING THE HAMMER. AND I
11 THINK OFTEN IF GOD DROPPED A HAMMER ON US, WE'D ALL BE MESSED
12 UP. PEOPLE THAT ARE INCARCERATED ARE NOT THOSE THAT JUST MADE
13 MISTAKES. WE ALL MADE MISTAKES, JUST ALL OF US DIDN'T GET
14 CAUGHT. A RIGHTEOUS MAN FALLETH 7 TIMES AND GETS BACK UP
15 AGAIN. PROP 47 WILL HELP US PICK THEM BACK UP.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. DR. GENEVIEVE
18 CLAVREUL. YES.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MAYOR. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MARK
21 RIDLEY FOR YOUR VISIONARY LEADERSHIP ON BEHALF OF PROP 47. I'M
22 HERE, ONE, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT NUMBER 1 WE NEED A
23 COMPREHENSIVE CRIMINAL REFORM HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE
24 ALSO AS A MINISTER AND AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALE WHO IS GREATLY
25 IMPACTED BY THE EFFECTS OF PROP 47 AND ALSO AS A FORMER DEPUTY

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1 SHERIFF, ALSO I BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO BEGIN TO INVEST OUR
2 MONEY IN THINGS THAT WORK AND WE KNOW THAT THE TOUGH MEASURES
3 ON CRIME HAS NOT WORKED SO WE'RE LOOKING TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE
4 TODAY AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY HERE IN LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY TO BEGIN TO LEAD THE NATION IN SHOWING THE
6 NATION ON WHAT COULD BE IN THE POSSIBILITIES. AND I JUST WANT
7 TO THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE THE TIME TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND
8 THANK L.A. VOICE AND HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FOR GIVING
9 ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE BEFORE YOU TODAY. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL RUSSO. YES, SIR.

12

13 **PASTOR CUE JEAN MARIE:** MY NAME IS PASTOR CUE JEAN MARIE FROM
14 S.C.L.C. AND THE BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE WOULD LIKE TO
15 THANK THE MAYOR AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
16 FOR YOUR HARD WORK. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. WHY?
17 BECAUSE FEAR CAN BE PRODUCTIVE, BUT OUR KNEE JERK REACTIONS TO
18 FEAR WILL CAUSE US TO STICK TO THE SAME OLD BROKEN STRATEGIES
19 OF HYPER INCARCERATION THAT DOES NOT WORK. INCARCERATING HUGE
20 AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE CREATES CAREER CRIMINALS. WE MUST COMMIT TO
21 PROP 47 AS ONE OF THE WAYS OF REHABILITATION FOR OUR PEOPLE.
22 ULTIMATELY LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD NOT BE THE ONLY ONES
23 RESPONSIBLE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY. THE COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE A SAY
24 IN WHAT PUBLIC SAFETY LOOKS LIKE. AND THE COMMUNITY HAS
25 SPOKEN. WE MUST BE COMMITTED TO THE LONG HALL. THOSE ISSUES

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1 OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF DECADES OF BAD POLICIES, THEREFORE ONE
2 SINGLE POLICY WILL NOT FIX THE PROBLEM, BUT IT'S A START.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
6 REYNA VILLATORO. AND CALL UP DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. SHE'S
7 COMING. YES, MA'AM. SISTER.

8

9 **SISTER KAREN COLLIER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SISTER KAREN.
10 I'M THE PASTOR AT ST. AGATHA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SOUTH
11 CENTRAL, AND MY CONGREGATION IS ABOUT 60 PERCENT HISPANIC AND
12 40 PERCENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN. SO IT'S LATINO AND ENGLISH
13 SPEAKING. I SEE MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE GET INTO TROUBLE. AND
14 THEIR FAMILIES DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. THEIR FAMILIES DON'T
15 SPEAK THE LANGUAGE, AREN'T SURE WHAT TO DO. AND THEN THEY JUST
16 KEEP GOING DOWN THE SLIPPERY SLOPE. WE BELONG TO L.A. VOICE,
17 PART OF OUR CHURCH BELONGS TO L.A VOICE AND WE'RE VERY ACTIVE
18 IN TRYING TO BRING JUSTICE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I
19 THINK THIS MOTION IS ONE. AND I THANK BOTH SOLIS AND MARK
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND I JUST ENCOURAGE
21 ALL OF THE-- JUST FOR ALL OF YOU TO VOTE FOR IT BECAUSE I
22 THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS NEEDED IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO
23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP OLIVIA BARBOUR.

2 YES, SIR.

3

4 **MICHAEL RUSSO:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MIKE RUSSO. I'M WITH THE
5 ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, NEXT GENERATION MULTIRACIAL CIVIL RIGHTS
6 ORGANIZATION. YOU HEARD FROM OUR E.D. PREVIOUSLY. I WANTED TO
7 ADD A COUPLE QUICK POINTS. FIRST OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S A HUGE
8 UNMET NEED IN OUR COUNTY FOR THE KIND OF SERVICES WE'RE
9 TALKING ABOUT TODAY, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT,
10 RE-ENTRY OTHER PROGRAMS FOR THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IMPACTED. SO
11 WE'RE REALLY HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE MOTION CREATES A WAY FOR
12 THE COUNTY TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY AND
13 APPLYING FOR THE STATE SAVINGS AND STATE FUNDS FROM PROP 47.
14 BUT ACTUALLY THE IN-COUNTY SAVINGS COULD BE EVEN BIGGER. THE
15 O.A.O. ESTIMATES THAT THE STATE SAVINGS WERE IN THE LOW
16 HUNDRED MILLIONS TO BE DIVVIED UP AMONG ALL 58 COUNTIES. BUT
17 PROJECTIONS FOR THE IN-COUNTY SAVINGS SHOWS THAT L.A. COUNTY
18 ITSELF MIGHT SEE \$100 MILLION OR MORE EVERY SINGLE YEAR. SO
19 THE AUDIT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL, ESPECIALLY MAKING SURE THAT
20 IF THERE ARE POLICIES THAT ARE SILENTLY SPENDING THOSE SAVES
21 LIKE INCREASING PERCENTAGE TIME SERVED, THAT'S RECOGNIZED AS
22 SPENDING THOSE SAVINGS NOT AS THERE BEING NO SAVINGS. THANK
23 YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TONY
2 GITTELSON. YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **REYNA VILLATORO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REYNA VILLATORO.
5 I'M A LEADER IN COMMUNITY COALITION FOR 10 YEARS. I VOTED FOR
6 PROPOSITION 47 BECAUSE I SAW THE HELP THAT THE PROPOSITION
7 OFFERS. I WILL TELL YOU A SMALL STORY THAT I HAVE BEEN LIVING
8 SINCE NOVEMBER 24TH. MY NIECE WAS RELEASED FROM JAIL. I'VE
9 BEEN GOING FROM OFFICE TO OFFICE SEEKING HELP FOR HER. AND
10 UNTIL YESTERDAY FOUND HELP FOR FOOD STAMPS FOR HOMELESS. SO
11 WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU'RE OFFERING WITH PROPOSITION 47?
12 IT IS NOT I THAT HOLD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SEEK HELP FOR HER,
13 IT'S YOU GUYS THAT ARE REPRESENTING US. BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE
14 ARE RELEASED AND SEEKING HELP LIKE JOBS, MENTAL HEALTH, AND
15 TRAININGS, AND HOUSING BECAUSE THEY DON'T HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO.
16 AND ASK FOR YOU TO PLEASE IMPLEMENT THIS PROPOSITION. I WANT
17 TO THANK ALL YOU GUYS THAT ARE REPRESENTING, FOR PUTTING THIS
18 PROPOSITION IN FRONT OF US. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP TONY
21 GITTELSON, MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON AND WESLEY WALKER. YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **OLIVIA BARBOUR:** MY NAME IS OLIVIA BARBOUR. I'M A RESIDENT OF
24 SOUTH LOS ANGELES DISTRICT 2. I'M A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY
25 COALITION. AND I'M A U.S. VET AND I'M ALSO A RECOVERED ADDICT.

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1 I SUPPORT PROP 47 BECAUSE I WANT MY TAX DOLLARS TO BE INVESTED
2 IN THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I DON'T WANT
3 TO SEE ANOTHER TAX DOLLAR WASTED. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD
4 HAVE MORE BEDS FOR TREATMENT THAN WE HAVE LIQUOR STORES IN
5 SOUTH LOS ANGELES. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS
6 THIS MOTION BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY SHOULD DETERMINE HOW PROP 47
7 DOLLARS ARE SPENT. WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE ARRESTED TO GET
8 CLEAN AND SOBER. WE WANT COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS
9 OUR COMMUNITY'S NEEDS. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT'S TIME
10 FOR THE COMMUNITY TO DECIDE WHAT WE NEED TO HELP OUR
11 NEIGHBORHOODS THRIVE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME CALL UP
14 EUNISSES HERNANDEZ. MARK FAUCETTE YES.

15

16 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON
17 WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT OUR
18 POSITION ON THIS WONDERFUL MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
19 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS HAVE PUT TOGETHER. WE THINK
20 IT'S VERY IMPORTANT AND I APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AS
21 WELL, FOR PUSHING BACK AGAINST THIS IDEA OF RHETORIC. MANY OF
22 US HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED WITH THE POSITION THAT OUR SHERIFF HAS
23 TAKEN AND CRITIQUING THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE, MENTAL HEALTH
24 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THE LACK OF RESOURCES
25 THAT ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE WHEN WE KNOW THAT A.B.109 FUNDING

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1 COULD HAVE GONE TOWARDS THAT INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THAT FUNDING
2 HAS-- THAT INFRASTRUCTURE HAS BEEN UNDERMINED BY THE USE OF
3 THAT, AND 80 PERCENT OF THAT BILLION DOLLARS HAS GONE TOWARD
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A COMMITTEE
5 OF ABOUT 12 FORMERLY INCARCERATED FOLKS STATEWIDE WHO ARE
6 INTERESTED IN WEIGHING IN ON THIS CONVERSATION. AND WE BROUGHT
7 THEM TO THE BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS TO SHAPE
8 WHERE THE PROP 47 MONEY PRIORITIES SHOULD GO. AND WE'VE BEEN
9 TALKING TO ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE STATE LEVEL AND HAVE
10 GOTTEN SOME INTEREST ON HEARING THEIR OPINIONS ON THAT. WE
11 WANT TO WORK WITH YOU LOCALLY, AS WELL, AROUND HOW THAT
12 COMMITTEE CAN HELP SHAPE THE PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTY AND
13 SHAPING PROP 47 IMPLEMENTATION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. YES, SIR.

16

17 **WESLEY WALKER:** MY NAME IS WESLEY WALKER. I'M WITH THE LOS
18 ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK. I DIDN'T JUST RECLASSIFY MY
19 FELONY WITH PROP 47. I ALSO GOT MY MISDEMEANORS EXPUNGED.
20 MARCH OF 2015, I WENT TO SEEK L.A. C.A.N.'S LEGAL CLINIC TO
21 WORK WITH L.A.F.L.A. WHICH IS LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS
22 ANGELES TO GET MY PROP 47 RECLASSIFIED AS A MISDEMEANOR. WHEN
23 I PRESENTED MY COURT DOCUMENT TO L.A.F.L.A., I HAD THREE
24 MISDEMEANORS, ONE FELONY. ONCE MY PAPERWORK WAS SUBMITTED, MY
25 ATTORNEY WENT TO WORK ON MY BEHALF. AND OVER THE SUMMER, I WAS

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1 HELPED WITH FEE WAIVERS, WHICH WAS IMPORTANT TO ME BECAUSE I'M
2 A LOW-INCOME VET AND A RENTER. I DON'T HAVE-- I DIDN'T HAVE TO
3 GO TO ANY COURT APPEARANCES AS L.A.F.L.A. REPRESENTED ME EACH
4 TIME. AFTER A FEW HEARINGS, WE WERE ABLE TO GET ALL MY
5 MISDEMEANORS EXPUNGED. SO WHAT I'M SAYING TO YOU IS THAT PROP
6 47 IS A GOOD THING, NOT A BAD THING THAT LEADS TO MORE CRIME
7 LIKE LAW ENFORCEMENT WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK. IT WOULD STOP
8 CRIMINALIZING PROP 47. IT WILL WORK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SIR.

11

12 **WESLEY WALKER:** L.A. CAN WHO GOES OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY TO GET
13 AND MAKE CHANGES FOR THE BETTER OF BLACK FOLK.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. YOU'RE ON.
16 THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP SHEILA ARMSTEAD. AND GILBERT
17 JOHNSON. GILBERT JOHNSON. YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **EUNISSES HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, AND
20 MAYOR. MY NAME IS EUNISSES HERNANDEZ WITH DRUG POLICY
21 ALLIANCE. I WANT TO START OFF BY SAYING THANK YOU TO SOLIS AND
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND DEREK AND BEN FOR THIS AWESOME MOTION. WE'RE
23 READY FOR IT. THE COMMUNITY IS READY FOR IT AND WE'RE WILLING
24 TO HELP IN ANY WAY WE CAN. BUT THE MOTION ALSO HIGHLIGHTS WHAT
25 WE STILL NEED TO WORK ON. WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE RE-ENTRY

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1 SYSTEM THAT WE CURRENTLY DON'T HAVE. NOT EVERYBODY NEEDS DRUG
2 TREATMENT OR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. PEOPLE NEED JOBS,
3 EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. I ALSO WANT TO PUSH BACK A LITTLE BIT ON
4 WHAT THE MAYOR SAID. DECADES OF INCARCERATING THOSE WHO HAVE
5 COMMITTED PETTY AND PROPERTY DRUG OFFENSES HAS ONLY CREATED
6 THE LARGEST POPULATION OF INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.
7 THE IDEA OF NEEDING A HAMMER IS DRACONIAN AND OUTDATED. DRUG
8 COURTS AND INCARCERATION CREATE SHORT TERM, FEAR-BASED
9 SOBRIETY AND WE MUST MOVE AWAY FROM THAT PARADIGM BECAUSE HARM
10 REDUCTION, WE UNDERSTAND THAT. PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GO BACK TO
11 USING, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE SERVICES AVAILABLE
12 FOR THAT. SORRY I LOST MY CHAIN OF THOUGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

15

16 **MARK FAUCETTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARK FAUCETTE, I'M
17 WITH AMITY FOUNDATION AND ALSO WITH THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL
18 RE-ENTRY PARTNERSHIP. DEFINITELY I SUPPORT THIS MOTION. PROP
19 47 HAS RELEASED MANY INDIVIDUALS FROM STATE PRISON. AMITY
20 CONTINUES TO WORK ON DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL STRATEGIES AND
21 PARTNERSHIPS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO END MASS INCARCERATION. THE
22 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND ITS SUPPORT ON ALL LEVELS:
23 CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL WILL BE IN GREAT NEED TO MAKE
24 MANY CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS SUCCESSFUL. WE MUST DEVELOP A
25 WAY FOR MORE PEOPLE TO RECEIVE HELP WITHOUT BEING UNDER

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1 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPERVISION. THE FACT THAT BEING TOSSED
2 AROUND OUR COMMUNITIES-- THE FACT BEING TOSSED AROUND OUR
3 COMMUNITIES THAT PEOPLE DO NOT WANT HELP UNLESS THEY HAVE
4 PROBATION OR PAROLE IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE. AND DUE TO THESE
5 REFORMS, WE ARE RECEIVING MANY MORE CALLS AT OUR CENTER BY
6 THOSE NOT UNDER SUPERVISION WHO NEED THAT HELP.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. CASSANDRA GOODMAN. EDWARD
9 SIGLER. YES, SIR.

10

11 **SHEILA ARMSTEAD:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SHEILA. AND I AM A MEMBER
12 OF THE COMMUNITY COALITION. I'M HERE BECAUSE I AM A RESIDENT
13 OF WESTMONT AND I SUPPORT GRID, YOUTH CENTER DEVELOPMENT AND
14 SUPPORT FOR A NEW MENTAL HEALTH CENTER. I AM MENTALLY DISABLED
15 AND WE HAVE A GREAT NEED IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A HELP CENTER,
16 A CALL CENTER, A DROP CENTER, A DROP-IN CENTER, I'M SORRY. AND
17 I AM IN FAVOR OF PROPOSITION 47. AND MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I
18 PRAY THAT YOU WILL HELP US OUT BECAUSE WE REALLY NEED A LOT OF
19 HELP IN THIS AREA FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MARC GLUCKSMAN. YES, SIR.

22

23 **GILBERT JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GILBERT JOHNSON
24 AND I WORK WITH COMMUNITY COALITION IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
25 LAST YEAR IN 2014, I FOUGHT WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO GET PROPOSITION

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1 47 PASSED BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN GIVING FOLKS A SECOND CHANCE AT
2 LIFE. THANKS TO COMMUNITY COALITION, I HAVE PERSONALLY CHANGED
3 MY RECORD UNDER PROP 47 AND HAVE HELPED MANY OTHERS DO THE
4 SAME. THIS PAST SEPTEMBER, WE ORGANIZED A HUGE PROPOSITION 47
5 RESOURCE FAIR WHERE WE EXPECTED ABOUT 4 TO 500 PEOPLE TO COME
6 OUT AND ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE CAME OUT TO ACTUALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE
7 OF THIS PROPOSITION AND GET FREE LEGAL AID SERVICES. AS
8 MENTIONED EARLIER, THERE'S A PROJECTION OF ABOUT 700,000
9 PEOPLE THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM PROP 47 AND QUALIFY FOR THAT
10 RECORD CHANGE, AND WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE THAT
11 DEADLINE IN 2017. SO I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO
12 CONTINUE TO INVEST INTO MORE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS
13 THAT HELP PEOPLE MOVE FORWARD IN LIFE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A
14 COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC SAFETY STRATEGY THAT REDUCES VIOLENCE AND
15 PROVIDES THE SERVICES AND RESOURCES THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NEED
16 AND DESERVE.

17
18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. GENERAL DOGON. YES,
19 MA'AM.

20
21 **CASSANDRA GOODMAN:** I'M CASSANDRA. OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY
22 NAME IS CASSANDRA GOODMAN AND I'M A SUPERVISING ATTORNEY WITH
23 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES. I CURRENTLY
24 OVERSEE OUR PROP 47 AND RE-ENTRY EFFORTS IN LOS ANGELES. I
25 WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THE MOTION THAT THEY'VE PUT FORTH.

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1 I THINK IT'S A TREMENDOUS EFFORT AND I'M TRULY, TRULY THANKFUL
2 FOR THE INITIATIVE THAT YOU'VE TAKEN IN PUTTING THIS FORWARD.
3 WE APPRECIATE THE BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENTIVENESS TO REALIZING
4 THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOLS ACT
5 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH IS TO FULLY RE-INTEGRATE PEOPLE
6 INTO OUR COMMUNITIES BY INVESTING PROP 47 SAVINGS INTO MENTAL
7 HEALTH SERVICES, DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAMS, EDUCATION AND JOBS.
8 IN ORDER TO DO THIS, WE URGE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE PUSHING FOR
9 TRANSPARENCY SO THAT L.A. COUNTY CAN MAKE A CLEAR
10 DETERMINATION OF SAVINGS AND FORM A RESPONSIVE AND WELL-
11 ROUNDED PLAN FOR HOW TO BEST UTILIZE THOSE SAVINGS. IN
12 EXPANDING PROP 47 EFFORTS IN L.A. COUNTY, WE ENCOURAGE THE
13 BOARD TO ALSO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL RECORD CLEARING
14 REMEDIES AS PART OF THE STRATEGY. I'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN
15 L.A. COUNTY RIGHT NOW AND I NOTICE THAT EXPUNGEMENTS AND PROP
16 47 WORK HAND-IN-HAND TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS OF PROP 47.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OLGA PEREZ. YES, SIR.

19

20 **EDWARD SIGLER:** MY NAME IS ED SIGLER. I WORK AT A DRUG
21 TREATMENT PROGRAM, FRED BROWN RECOVERY SERVICES. I'VE DONE
22 OVER 20 YEARS. I HEARD HIM SPEAK ABOUT PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATING
23 THESE INMATES. AND I HAD THREE DIFFERENT CERTIFICATES FOR
24 ELECTRICIAN, TILE LAYER, WHATEVER AND THE CERTIFICATES WERE
25 WORTHLESS BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS TO HIRE AN EX CONVICT. SO THIS

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1 PROP 47, I WORKED 13 YEARS AT THIS DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM. AND
2 MY JOB WAS THREATENED BECAUSE I COULDN'T BE AROUND A.B.109S
3 BECAUSE OF MY PAST. I DON'T MAKE MUCH MONEY THERE. I'M NOT
4 LOOKING FOR MUCH MONEY. WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS THE HAPPINESS
5 TO BE ABLE TO SHARE MY STORY WITH THESE KIDS THAT ARE IN THESE
6 PROGRAMS, MAN, THAT WERE JUST LIKE ME. STRUNG OUT ON DRUGS. I
7 WASN'T A REAL CRIMINAL. I JUST HAD TO FEED A DRUG HABIT. SO
8 I'M THERE WORKING WITH THESE GUYS TO BE AN EXAMPLE THAT THEY,
9 TOO, CAN MAKE IT IF THEY JUST FOCUS ON IT. MY FATHER HAD
10 WASHED HIS HANDS OF ME AND BEFORE HE PASSED AWAY TOLD ME WITH
11 TEARS IN HIS EYES HOW PROUD HE WAS FOR ME FOR THAT I'M
12 GRATEFUL. PLEASE DON'T TAKE AWAY PROP 47.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ARIANA ALCARAZ. YES,
15 SIR.

16

17 **MARC GLUCKSMAN:** MY NAME IS MARC GLUCKSMAN. I'M A MEMBER OF
18 BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE. AND ALSO LEO
19 BAECK TEMPLE. I'D LIKE TO MAKE TWO POINTS. NUMBER 1 I NOTICE
20 THAT THE MOTION REQUESTS THE FORMULATION OF A PLAN TARGETED
21 TOWARDS ENABLING PROPOSITION 47 APPLICANTS TO ACCESS WORKFORCE
22 DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. SO I'M HOPING THAT
23 YOU SUPERVISORS BOTH INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY WILL TAKE A
24 STAND TOWARDS BAN THE BOX AND DEVELOPING A MOTION IN THAT AREA
25 SO THAT IN PARALLEL YOU CAN WORK WITH PROPOSITION 47 GOALS AND

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1 HELP THE 47 APPLICANTS TO SUCCESSFULLY GAIN EMPLOYMENT. THANK
2 YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALLED UP ADAM
5 SIEGEL AND BOBBY ARIAS.

6

7 **GENERAL DOGON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GENERAL DOGON, A
8 CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZER WITH L.A. C.A.N. I'M HERE TODAY TO
9 SUPPORT THIS MOTION AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY. FOR THE PAST 10
10 YEARS, THE CITY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO POLICE THEIR WAY OUT OF
11 POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS WHICH HAS ONLY LED TO RACISM,
12 SELECTIVE POLICING THAT ONLY ENDS WITH THE CITY PAYING OUT
13 MILLIONS IN COURT LITIGATION FOR RACIST POLICING.
14 CRIMINALIZATION IS INEFFECTIVE. IT ONLY INCREASES AND RECYCLES
15 THE SYSTEM WITH COPS ON THE END OF BILLY CLUBS AND FOLKS FROM
16 ONE JAIL TO ANOTHER JAIL WITH NO SERVICES AND JUST WASTED
17 TIME. AND THREE, TODAY'S POLICING IS NOT ONLY THE MOST RACIST
18 FORM OF POLICING SINCE JIM CROW BUT IS VERY EXPENSIVE. THE
19 CITY HAS BEEN SPENDING OVER \$100 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE PAST
20 NINE YEARS ON JUST POLICING THE HOMELESS ON SKID ROW. ALMOST A
21 BILLION DOLLARS AND THE HOMELESS TODAY IT'S ALL AT AN ALL-TIME
22 CITY HIGH, WITH THE CITY JUST RECENTLY DECLARING A STATE OF
23 EMERGENCY. SO TODAY WE URGE THE COUNTY TO PASS THIS MOTION TO
24 START THE DECRIMINALIZATION PROCESS IN THE CITY OF LOS
25 ANGELES.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALSO JEREMEY POOL.

3 YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **ARIANA ALCARAZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARIANA ALCARAZ. I'M
6 AN ORGANIZER WITH THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK.
7 AND I'M HERE TODAY TO URGE THE BOARD TO PASS THIS MOTION FOR A
8 COUPLE REASONS. SO EVERY WEDNESDAY WE HAVE A LEGAL CLINIC
9 WHERE WE PARTNER WITH LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF L.A. TO HELP
10 FOLKS GET THEIR RECLASSIFICATION PAPERS DONE. OVER THE LAST
11 YEAR, ESPECIALLY WITH ALL THE ADVERTISEMENTS AND THE
12 INFORMATION GETTING OUT ABOUT PROP 47, WE JUST HAVE A LOT OF
13 PEOPLE COMING THROUGH TO GET THOSE PAPERS DONE AND SENT. SO WE
14 JUST HAVE SO MANY PEOPLE AND WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WAYS
15 TO HANDLE ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE. AND THE STEPS LAID OUT IN THIS
16 MOTION WOULD ALLOW FOR YOU ALL TO TAKE ON SOME OF THAT BURDEN
17 AND MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE GETS THEIR RECLASSIFICATION PAPERS
18 DONE AND SENT IN BEFORE THE DEADLINE IN 2017. ANOTHER PIECE
19 THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS MOTION IS THE CONVENING OF
20 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PROP
21 47 TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A VOICE IN WHERE THE MONEY IS AT
22 THAT PROP 47 GOES TO. AND THAT IT DOESN'T GO BACK INTO THE
23 HANDS OF THE INSTITUTIONS AND PEOPLE THAT WE WANT TO GET AWAY
24 FROM.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. ANJULI KATZ. YES, SIR.

2

3 **BOBBY ARIAS:** YES. BOBBY ARIAS, PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITIES AND
4 SCHOOLS. I'M HERE FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REPRESENTING
5 OUR 1.5 MILLION RESIDENTS. I WANT TO THANK FELLOW TROJAN SOLIS
6 FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU, MARK RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS, OUR SUPERVISOR, WORK WITH YOU THROUGH L.A. STARS, L.A.
8 BRIDGES, THE GRID. I LOVE YOUR CONSISTENCY. SHEILA, DR. PEREZ
9 SAYS HEY, HELLO. THANK YOU FOR MAKING YOURSELF AVAILABLE AS WE
10 TALK ABOUT 47. AS A SIXTH GENERATION ANGELINO, WHAT I WANT TO
11 BE ABLE TO SAY THIS IS HISTORIC. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 42
12 YEARS, 25 WITH COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS AND MY PARTNER BLINKY
13 RODRIGUEZ. IT'S GREAT THAT THE COUNTY IS EXTENDING THE HAND
14 NOT THE FIST, THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BUILDING BRIDGES NOT
15 BURNING THEM FOR THE PEOPLE WE ARE RUNNING FROM, NOT NOT TO.
16 THERE ARE A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS BEHIND ME. I'M SO PROUD. I
17 CAN RECALL WHEN THERE WERE JUST A FEW OF US, BUT NOW WE HAVE
18 ARMIES OF PEOPLE. I ENCOURAGE OUR SUPERVISORS HERE TO MAKE
19 SURE THAT RESOURCES GET WHERE THEY'RE INTENDED. GOD BLESS YOU.
20 THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP KEVIN
23 ORANGE. YES, SIR.

24

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1 **ADAM SIEGEL:** HI, I'M ADAM SIEGEL. I'M A CHAPLAIN AT BEIT
2 T'SHUVAH AND I'M HERE AS A PARTNER IN SUPPORT OF L.A. VOICE.
3 WE'RE A JEWISH ADDICTION AND RECOVERY RE-ENTRY PROGRAM IN
4 SECOND DISTRICT. I WORK WITH PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS AND ALL
5 BACKGROUNDS, AND FOR ME THESE DISCUSSIONS ARE HUMAN. I COME AT
6 IT FROM A HUMAN PERSPECTIVE. I WORK ON THE FRONT LINES IN THE
7 PROCESS OF PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION. THROUGH 30 YEARS OF BEIT
8 T'SHUVAH'S HISTORY, WE KNOW THAT THIS PARTNERSHIP WORKS. THE
9 PROCESS WORKS. IT'S THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTICIPANTS
10 IN THE PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM ITSELF. FREQUENTLY I NEED TO
11 REMIND ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS THAT THEY ARE BOTH WORTHY OF SELF-
12 DIGNITY AND ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF OUR
13 COMMUNITY. BY YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THESE PROGRAMS, YOU,
14 TOO, WILL BE REMINDING THEM THAT THEY'RE WORTHY OF SELF-
15 DIGNITY AND ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR
16 COMMUNITY. PERSONAL CHANGE IS OFTEN A PROCESS OF USING A
17 CARROT AND A STICK. BY SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE, YOU'RE ABLE TO
18 MODEL THIS AND ALSO OFFER BETTERMENT TO THE COMMUNITY. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WINNETKA VADEN AND MARISA
22 ARRONA. YES, SIR.

23

24 **JEREMEY POOL:** HI. MY NAME IS JEREMEY POOL. I'M HERE ON BEHALF
25 OF BEIT T'SHUVAH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH L.A. VOICE. I'M HERE

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1 BECAUSE I'M WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS IMPACTED WITH INCARCERATION
2 AS WELL AS I WAS ONE. I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY 7 MONTHS OUT OF
3 PRISON, EMPLOYED WITH THE FIRST CHANCE TO HAVE A MEANINGFUL
4 LIFE. BY OFFERING A CHANCE TO GET TREATMENT, THIS BECAME
5 POSSIBLE. I ACTUALLY WORK IN TREATMENT TODAY AND HAVE FIRST
6 PERSON VIEW THAT TREATMENT WORKS OVER INCARCERATION. I SUPPORT
7 COMPREHENSIVE REFORM OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BECAUSE I
8 WANT TO SEE MORE RESOURCES INVESTED IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT,
9 PREVENTION AND TREATMENT. I AM PROOF THAT IF GIVEN A CHANCE TO
10 WORK ON YOURSELF, CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. THIS IS WHY WE NEED
11 FUNDING FOR REINTEGRATION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP FELICIA
14 GOMEZ. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **ANJULI KATZ:** MY NAME IS ANJULI KRENHEIM KATZ. I'M THE SOUTHERN
17 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL ORGANIZER WITH BEND THE ARC, A JEWISH
18 PARTNERSHIP FOR JUSTICE. WE WORKED WITH SEVERAL COALITION
19 PARTNERS IN THIS ROOM AND BEYOND TO PASS PROP 47, AND HAVE
20 BEEN PARTICIPATING IN WORKSHOPS IN L.A. COUNTY TO RECLASSIFY
21 RECORDS OF THE AFFECTED COMMUNITY. AND AS I THINK THIS MOTION
22 RECOGNIZES, THERE'S NO WAY WE OR OTHER PARTNERS CAN
23 EFFECTIVELY REACH THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF L.A. COUNTY
24 RESIDENTS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RECLASSIFICATION UNDER CURRENT
25 IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES. THIS MOTION IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE

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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENSURE THAT PROP 47 IS IMPLEMENTED
2 EFFECTIVELY IN L.A. COUNTY BY REQUIRING THE AMOUNT OF PROP 47
3 SAVINGS BEING REALIZED LOCALLY IN L.A. COUNTY, AS DEFINED AND
4 ACCOUNTED FOR IN A PUBLICLY TRANSPARENT WAY, AND MAKING SURE
5 THOSE SAVINGS ARE USED AS INTENDED BY VOTERS FOR TREATMENT AND
6 PREVENTION. THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF BEND THE ARC HAS DEEP
7 VALUES IN REHABILITATION AND PREVENTION OVER INCARCERATION AND
8 RECIDIVISM. WE STAND FOR T'SHUVAH, REPENTANCE AND FOR THE
9 REINTRODUCTION OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED INTO OUR
10 SOCIETY AFTER THEY'VE SERVED THEIR SENTENCE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. DIANA ZUNIGA. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **REBECCA BEYTON:** HI, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS REBECCA BEYTON.
15 I'M A MEMBER OF COMMUNITY COALITION AND I'M ALSO THE C.E.O. OF
16 COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS. I WANTED TO SHARE THAT I'VE BEEN IN AND
17 OUT OF PRISON FOR OVER 17 YEARS. I HAVE SEVERAL FELONIES THAT
18 I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET REDUCED, BEING THAT I HAVE BEEN ON BOARD
19 WITH GILBERT AND COMMUNITY COALITION. I GAVE AN EVENT AT
20 SOUTHWEST COLLEGE. I WAS ABLE TO RAISE UP THE MONEY BECAUSE I
21 WANTED TO DO SOMETHING IN OUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
22 TO SHOW THAT IF I CAN GET ALL MY FELONIES REDUCED, I KNOW I
23 CAN GIVE BACK AND ALLOW SOMEBODY ELSE TO KNOW THEY HAVE A
24 SECOND CHANCE IN LIFE, TO BE ABLE TO BE A PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN.
25 I RAISED THIS MONEY AND GAVE AN EVENT AT SOUTHWEST COLLEGE AND

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1 I HAD MARCUS MASANTI AND SEVERAL OTHER LAWYERS COME OUT AND
2 SUPPORT ME. WE HAD OVER 500 PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AND THE
3 TESTIMONIES WAS SO AWESOME THAT I CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO SEE
4 THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES IN THE WESTMOUNT COMMUNITY,
5 HAVE TRAINING FACILITIES. I HAVE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS WHERE
6 I'M TAKING PEOPLE AND DEALING WITH HOMELESS, WOMEN OF SEX
7 TRAFFICKING AND SEVERAL WOMEN THAT ARE JUST LOST ON DRUGS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
10 ERIC PREVEN. YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **MARISA ARRONA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARISA
13 ARRONA. I'M THE PROP 47 IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTOR WITH
14 CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY AND JUSTICE. I WANT TO THANK
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP ON
16 THIS ISSUE. AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THE CONVERSATIONS WE'VE
17 HAD WITH HER OFFICE ON ADVANCING PROP 47 IMPLEMENTATION
18 EFFORTS IN THIS COUNTY. IMPORTANTLY, CALIFORNIANS FOR SAFETY
19 AND JUSTICE AUTHORED THE INITIATIVE, WORKING WITH LAW
20 ENFORCEMENT AND SURVIVORS, CRIME VICTIM SURVIVORS AND
21 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO CLARIFY WHAT
22 PROP 47 DID AND DIDN'T DO. WHAT PROP 47 DID WAS CHANGE SIX
23 LOW-LEVEL NONVIOLENT FELONIES INTO MISDEMEANORS. IT DID NOT
24 CHANGE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JAIL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THOSE
25 WERE IN PLACE BEFORE PROP 47 PASSED. AND SO THE WAY LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT CHOOSES TO DEAL WITH THOSE MISDEMEANORS WAS IN
2 PLACE BEFORE PROP 47 PASSED AND THAT'S THE WAY LAW ENFORCEMENT
3 CHOOSES TO DEAL WITH PROP 47 OFFENSES AND SOME OTHER
4 MISDEMEANORS SINCE THEN. IMPORTANTLY, WHAT CALIFORNIANS FOR
5 SAFETY AND JUSTICE IS DOING IS WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT
6 AGENCIES, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND COUNTIES ACROSS THE STATE TO
7 EFFECTIVELY AND FULLY IMPLEMENT PROP 47.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. GIVE IT TO SERGEANT AND
10 HE'LL GIVE IT TO US.

11

12 **MARISA ARRONA:** I HAVE A BRIEF THAT EXPLAINS JUST THAT. THANK
13 YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. ARNOLD SACHS. ARNOLD
16 SACHS. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **FELICIA GOMEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS FELICIA GOMEZ AND I WORK AT THE
19 CALIFORNIA IMMIGRANT POLICY CENTER. WE'RE ALSO MEMBER
20 ORGANIZATION OF THE I.C.E. OUT OF L.A. COALITION. WE'RE HAPPY
21 TO SEE THIS MOTION ESPECIALLY WITH THE CREATION OF THE PROP 47
22 TASKFORCE AND THE PROP 47 JOBS AND SERVICES TASKFORCE. WE
23 APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATION IN THESE.
24 HOWEVER WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
25 AND ACCESSIBILITY. WE URGE YOU TO PRIORITIZE THE VOICES OF

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1 DIRECTLY IMPACTED POPULATIONS WHO KNOW BEST AND SHOULD BE AT
2 THE FOREFRONT OF THESE TASKFORCES. WE SEE THIS AS A GOOD STEP
3 FORWARD FOR THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, ALSO SEE IT AS CONTRADICTORY
4 TO OTHER POLICIES BEING PUSHED AND BEING SUPPORTED BY THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SUCH AS THE MASSIVE JAIL PLAN AND THE
6 PRIORITY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM, P.E.P. WE MUST NOT ONLY LOOK FOR
7 PREVENTION, REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION FOR THE FEW, BUT
8 ALSO MUST BE INCLUSIVE OF ALL POPULATIONS AFFECTED BY
9 INCARCERATION, INCLUDING UNDOCUMENTED POPULATIONS IN LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY. UNDER P.E.P., A PERSON COULD GET DEPORTED FOR
11 HAVING TWO OR MORE MISDEMEANORS EVEN IF THEY DID USE PROP 47
12 TO CHANGE A FELONY INTO A MISDEMEANOR. THEY STILL FACE A
13 SYSTEM THAT SOLELY FOCUSES ON PUNISHMENT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA AND I'M WITH
18 CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE ARE SUPPORTIVE
19 OF THE MOTION AND WE KNOW THERE'S STILL A LOT OF WORK TO BE
20 DONE. AS WE PRIORITIZE THIS POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT
21 DIRECTION, I HOPE FOR A FEW THINGS. I HOPE YOU ALL WILL
22 RETHINK THE MASSIVE \$2 BILLION JAIL PLAN THAT WILL BUILD OVER
23 5,000 JAIL BEDS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HEAR ABOUT THE AMOUNT OF
24 WOMEN THAT ARE IMPACTED BY PROPOSITION 47. THERE IS NO NEED TO
25 BUILD A JAIL 70 MILES AWAY FROM THEIR COMMUNITIES WHEN THEY

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1 ARE DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY PROP 47. AND WHAT THEY REALLY NEED IS
2 HOUSING AND REUNIFICATION PROGRAMS SO THAT THEY COULD BE
3 RECONNECTED WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN. WE ALSO
4 NEED TO THINK ABOUT THIS POSITIVE EFFORT AND MAKE SURE THAT
5 ALL ALTERNATIVES, DIVERSION AND RE-ENTRY SERVICES ARE CREATED
6 FOR ALL PEOPLE, NOT JUST FOLKS THAT QUALIFY UNDER PROPOSITION
7 47. SPECIFICALLY PEOPLE OF COLOR, WOMEN, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
8 HEALTH NEEDS AND THE IMMIGRANT POPULATION. WE NEED TRUE
9 COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, WHICH THIS ALSO DOES. AND WE NEED TO
10 SEE THIS IN EVERY TYPE OF BODY THAT IS PRIORITIZED AND DEALS
11 WITH CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** THANK YOU FOR THIS EFFORT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP WAYNE SPINDLER.

18 MR. PREVEN.

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN A RESIDENT FROM THE THIRD
21 DISTRICT AND LAST WEEK THERE WAS A REPORT ABOUT ON CANNEX
22 ABOUT PEOPLE BEING LET OUT LATE AT NIGHT, LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS
23 INTO THE NIGHT AND BEING TERRIFIED AND SCARED AND SUCH. WE
24 NEED TO HELP THE FOLKS. LOOK, THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN ON PROP
25 47, OKAY. I'M NOT GOING TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M

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1 GOING TO THANK THE VOTERS FOR THAT. BUT NOW THE SUPERVISORS,
2 WHO ARE ENGAGED 24/7 AT FINDING POLICIES THAT CAN MAKE THE
3 SYSTEM WORK, NEED TO WORK ON THAT. WHY SHERIFF MCDONNELL HAS
4 NOT COME DOWN HERE ON THIS MORNING I MUST TELL YOU, IT IRKS
5 ME, AND IT IRKS ME ALSO THAT THE SHERIFF, WHO I LIKE, GREAT
6 GUY, APPEARED TODAY IN AN ENGLANDER CAMPAIGN AD WEARING HIS
7 BADGE. IT'S THE MOST RIDICULOUS THING I'VE EVER SEEN. NOW
8 THAT'S NOT THE SHERIFF'S FAULT. THAT'S ENGLANDER'S FAULT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE'S A GERMANENESS ISSUE HERE, MR.
11 MAYOR, A GERMANENESS ISSUE.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THE GERMANENESS OF THE SHERIFF BEING POLITICIZED
14 IN TERMS OF DOWN HERE ON PROP 47? COME ON, SIR. THE SHERIFF IS
15 THE ONE WHO IS GOING TO MAKE THIS WORK IF YOU CAN-- HE GOT IT
16 THROUGH BY THE WAY. THE LAST TIME THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUT
17 A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER IN SUPPORT, BUT THEY DIDN'T, DID THEY.
18 I KNOW YOU WERE SUPPORTIVE AND WE'RE ON YOUR TEAM BUT WE NEED
19 TO DO A 24/7 COMPREHENSIVE JOB OF MAKING THIS WORK. AND THESE
20 ARE GREAT STORIES. EXPUNGEMENT AND BAN THE BOX AND ALL THE
21 THINGS THAT I KNOW WE ALL THINK CAN HELP ARE WHAT WE'RE DOING.
22 SO LET'S DO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO DEBATE WITH THAT. WE GAVE YOU A LITTLE
25 BIT MORE TIME AND THE POINT IS SIMPLY THIS: GERMANENESS STILL

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1 APPLIES. IT'S ABOUT 47. IT'S OKAY TO STAY ON POINT AND HAMMER
2 IT HOME.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SPINDLER. MR. SACHS?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
7 AND IT'S JUST TOO BAD THAT YOU COULDN'T IMMIGRATE THIS PROP 47
8 TO WORK AND ALL THIS STUFF. OH BY THE WAY I'M ARNOLD SACHS
9 WITH F.A.R.T., FIXING ANGELINOS STUCK IN TRAFFIC. AND
10 SOMETHING SMELLS HERE. IT'S JUST TOO BAD. WE COULDN'T
11 INTEGRATE PROP 47 WITH THE CITY'S DRIVE FOR THE OLYMPICS. YOU
12 KNOW, THE MAYOR SPAGHETTI IS COMING UP WITH \$4 BILLION TO FUND
13 THE OLYMPICS. YOU COULDN'T DO SOMETHING ALONG THE SAME LINES
14 WITH PROP 47. BUT AS YOU READ THIS MOTION, YOU'LL SEE THAT
15 THERE'S A REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS AND A REPORT BACK IN SIX
16 MONTHS. WELL, PROP 47 PASSED IN NOVEMBER 14, 2014, AND
17 DISCUSSIONS WERE AROUND IN MAYBE AUGUST. THAT'S ALMOST 20
18 MONTHS OF THE 36 MONTHS THAT YOU HAVE AS A DEADLINE. AND
19 YOU'RE JUST GETTING AROUND TO THIS MOTION. BEEN HERE A LONG
20 TIME TO HEAR A LOT OF MOTIONS AND SEE A LOT OF SMOKE AND GET
21 OUT OF THIS COMMUNITY MEETING BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. PAY ATTENTION.
22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU MUST LIKE THE BLAHS BECAUSE YOU
24 COME EVERY WEEK. [LAUGHTER.] MR. SPINDLER IS NOT HERE?
25 SUPERVISORS? SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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1

2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I BELIEVE WE HAVE OUR C.E.O. THAT WANTS TO
3 ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM?

4

5 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. ON DIRECTIVE
6 NUMBER 1 OF THIS MOTION, RELATED TO EXPLORING POTENTIAL
7 LEGISLATION, MY OFFICE HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE
8 PUBLIC DEFENDER ON A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION THAT WE WILL BE
9 BRINGING TO YOUR BOARD. SPECIFICALLY ON DECEMBER 8TH, I WILL
10 BE COMING TO YOUR BOARD WITH RECOMMENDATIONS TO UPDATE THE
11 COUNTY'S STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IN PREPARATION FOR THE
12 UPCOMING 2016 SESSION. THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A
13 PROPOSAL TO PURSUE COUNTY-SPONSORED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD
14 ELIMINATE OR EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD FOR INDIVIDUALS TO
15 PETITION FOR A RESENTENCING PURSUANT TO PROPOSITION 47.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR, I WOULD TAKE THAT AS AN AMENDMENT
18 TO THE MOTION. AND I'M VERY ENCOURAGED BY THE STAFF WORK.

19

20 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** AND TO REFER THAT PORTION BACK AND
21 CONSIDER IT FOR NEXT-- CONSIDER IT NEXT WEEK AS PART OF OUR
22 2016 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AS AMENDED.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL SECOND THAT. MOVE THE ENTIRE MOTION
4 AS AMENDED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND SECOND. I WOULD
7 LIKE TO ALSO AMEND IT TO HAVE THOSE QUESTIONS I RAISED BE
8 INCLUDED IN THE REPORT BACK, THAT INFORMATION THAT I HAD GIVEN
9 TO THE VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNTY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND THEN WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
14 ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. GOOD JOB, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU TO THE PUBLIC AND THE STAKEHOLDERS
19 AND ALL OUR STAFFS THAT WORK SO HARD. I KNOW BEN POLK ON MY
20 STAFF WORKING WITH YOURS, SUPERVISOR THOMAS, WORKED VERY HARD
21 ON PUTTING TOGETHER A PRODUCT THAT ALL OF US COULD BE
22 SATISFIED WITH.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. THAT'S A UNANIMOUS VOTE AS
25 AMENDED. THAT'S A GOOD THING.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE MOVE ON TO R-1. WE NOW HAVE
3 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GAS COMPANY WHO HAVE ARRIVED. WE HAVE
4 THE STATE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, AS
5 WELL. IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME UP?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE STATE REPRESENTATIVE IS WALKING
8 AROUND SOMEWHERE. HE'LL BE BACK. LET'S DO ANOTHER ITEM BECAUSE
9 I WANT HIM TO BE HERE FOR THE OIL GAS GEOTHERMAL COMMISSION.
10 HE'S AROUND THE BUILDING SOMEWHERE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHAT OTHER ITEMS DO WE HAVE, MR. MAYOR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, WE CAN DO 69-A, I HAD HELD THAT.
15 DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC SPEAKER ON THAT?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I HAVE A MOTION I WANT TO READ IN AND
18 ALL THAT, MR. MAYOR. READ IN, WHENEVER.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ISABEL SANCHEZ, ERIC PREVEN AND DR.
21 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. 69-A.

22

23 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, SIR. MAKE SURE YOU REDUCE MY TIME AS I
24 KILL TIME FOR YOU WHILE WE WAIT FOR SOMEBODY ELSE TO COME.
25 THIS IS ITEM 69-A. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR

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1 GATHERING THE FIVE SIGNATURES ON THIS ONE. THIS HAS TO DO WITH
2 A CASE INVOLVING IMMIGRATION. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, I DO DRAW
3 INTEREST ON FIVE SIGNATURE LETTERS BECAUSE I THINK THAT WHAT
4 IT MEANS IS THAT THERE'S A OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS BODY TO TAKE
5 AN ACTION, A STRONG ACTION. AND EVEN IF THAT ACTION IS WRITING
6 A LETTER TO A SENATOR OR TO THE GOVERNOR OR TO THE STATE
7 LEGISLATURE, THAT REQUIRES FIVE SIGNATURES AND THEN IT COMES
8 ONTO OUR AGENDA AND THEN THE INDIVIDUALS FROM WHOM WE HEARD
9 TODAY, THE PUBLIC, CAN ADDRESS IT. AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN
10 THE PAST IS THERE WAS COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO IS IN A CONSTANT
11 CONVERSATION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MORNING WITH SACHI HAMAI,
12 SO MAYBE THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY SHE GOT THE JOB FOR
13 COUNTY COUNSEL BECAUSE I JUST DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW PEOPLE CAN
14 DO SO CONSISTENTLY THROUGHOUT THESE MEETINGS. BUT NONETHELESS,
15 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE PREPARED SOME EXPLANATION FOR A FIVE-
16 SIGNATURE LETTER ABOUT MODIFYING THE BROWN ACT. AND WE SAID,
17 "WAIT A MINUTE, YOU CAN'T SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER WITHOUT
18 PUTTING IT ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA." LIKE THIS ITEM RIGHT HERE,
19 69-A, THERE IT IS. AND THERE MAY EVEN BE CONTROVERSY BUT WE'RE
20 GOING TO SEND THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER BECAUSE WE'VE AGREED
21 TO DO SO. IN THAT CASE THEY RETROACTIVELY JUSTIFIED HOW THEY
22 HAD COME UP WITH THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER WITHOUT PUTTING IT
23 ON THE AGENDA. AND THEN, THIS IS THE PART THAT REALLY STEAMS
24 TYPICAL RESIDENTS' EARS, THEY REFUSED TO PUT IT ON THE AGENDA.
25 THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD-- YOU KNOW, IT WAS TIED TO SOME

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1 C.E.O.'S DOCUMENT FROM A YEAR EARLIER. SO THIS IS A DISASTER.
2 AND WHAT I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO JUST FOCUS ON IN CONCLUSION IS
3 THAT I APPRECIATE WHEN YOU DO PUT THEM ON LIKE THIS,
4 ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL CARE ABOUT AND
5 SUPPORT. BUT JUST DO IT FOR ALL THE ITEMS AND DON'T MAKE UP
6 STORIES ABOUT HOW IT DIDN'T NEED TO BE DONE. AND I APPRECIATE
7 THAT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP WAYNE SPINDLER.
10 YES, MA'AM.

11

12 **ISABEL SANCHEZ:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME ISABEL. I'M SORRY,
13 AFTERNOON. I'M A POLICY ADVOCATE FOR THE COALITION FOR HUMAN
14 IMMIGRANT RIGHTS OF LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE TO STRONGLY URGE YOU
15 TO ADD YOUR SIGNATURE TO THE AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF THE
16 U.S. AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT OBAMA DID ISSUE EXECUTIVE
17 INITIATIVES AMONG D.A.P.A. AND D.A.C.A. UNFORTUNATELY THESE
18 WERE HELD UP IN COURT AND MOST RECENTLY ON NOVEMBER 9TH, THE
19 DIVIDED PANEL OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT ISSUED A DECISION THAT
20 AFFIRMS THE TEXAS FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT'S ORDER THAT
21 TEMPORARILY BLOCKS D.A.P.A. AND D.A.C.A. SO WHAT WE'RE ASKING
22 IS THAT YOU ALL SIGN ONTO A LETTER THAT MAYOR GARCETTI HAS
23 ALSO WORKED ON TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR-- SO THAT THE SUPREME
24 COURT DOES TAKE ON THIS CASE AND HOPEFULLY WITH YOUR SUPPORT,
25 AS WELL, THAT EXPEDITES THE PROCESS. THE AMICUS BRIEF WILL

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1 FOCUS ON THE URGENT NEED FOR THE REVIEW OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT'S
2 DECISION BECAUSE OF THE IMMEDIATE EVERY DAY HARMS THAT CITIES
3 AND COUNTIES AND THE RESIDENTS SUFFER AS A RESULT OF ANY DELAY
4 IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXECUTIVE ACTION. AS YOU ALSO
5 KNOW, LOS ANGELES COUNTY ALSO HAS THE LARGEST POPULATION OF
6 POTENTIAL D.A.C.A. AND D.A.P.A. BENEFICIARIES. AND IT IS ALSO
7 MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED A
8 TASKFORCE TO COORDINATE EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT D.A.P.A. AND
9 D.A.C.A., AND SO IT ONLY RESONATES WITH US THAT YOU SIGN ON
10 AND SUPPORT THIS AMICUS BRIEF, AS WELL. I ALSO HAVE A MEMO
11 THAT IF YOU'D WANT TO FURTHER REVIEW THOSE MEMOS, I CAN GO
12 AHEAD AND DISTRIBUTE IT TO YOUR STAFF. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. MR. SPINDLER.

15

16 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, IT'S NICE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE GETTING
17 INVOLVED WITH SUPREME COURT POLITICS, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY YOU
18 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS BECAUSE YOU GUYS
19 NEED THE MONEY. AND YOU CAN'T GET THE MONEY UNLESS THIS
20 EXTENDED STAY FOR THESE PEOPLE IS APPROVED. BECAUSE THEY'RE
21 HERE, MAYBE ILLEGALLY, WE DON'T KNOW. BUT THEY WANT TO GO TO
22 THE SUPREME COURT PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE THAT DIDN'T GO THROUGH
23 THE PROCESS. AND THEY WANT TO HAVE FULL RIGHTS TO THE PROCESS.
24 AND OUR PRESIDENT HAS A CONGRESS. BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO
25 THE CONGRESS. HE WANTED TO MAKE HIS OWN LAWS. SO THE SUPREME

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1 COURT IS GOING TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE ACTUALLY LIVING
2 IN A DICTATORSHIP OR NOT. AND I THINK IT'S 50/50 DEPENDING
3 UPON WHO GETS BRIBED BECAUSE THAT'S ALL IT IS. IT'S WHOEVER
4 GETS BLACKMAILED THE MOST GETS THE FIVE VOTES ON THE SUPREME
5 COURT. GOD KNOWS WHAT THEY GOT ON ROBERTS. SO THESE PEOPLE ARE
6 GOING TO DECIDE 5-4 WHETHER WE HAVE A KING OR WHETHER OR NOT
7 WE HAVE A SEPARATION OF POWERS. NOW, I WENT TO THE SCHOOLS
8 BEFORE THEY WERE BANKRUPTED, THEY SAID WE HAVE A SEPARATION OF
9 POWERS, THAT ALL LAWS MUST BE PASSED BY CONGRESS AND SIGNED BY
10 THE PRESIDENT AND VETOED AND THE VETO HAD TO BE OVERTURNED BY
11 TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY TO BE LAW. I WAS NOT AWARE THAT WE HAD A
12 PRESIDENT THAT COULD CIRCUMVENT CONGRESS AND MAKE HIS OWN
13 LAWS. SO I WAS ILLEGALLY ARRESTED THREE WEEKS AGO BY ATTENDING
14 A BROWN ACT COMMISSION POLICE MEETING HELD 13-1/2 HOURS IN ONE
15 OF YOUR LOVELY COUNTY CITY-OWNED FACILITIES. NOW, WHERE'S THE
16 LAW AGAINST THAT? AND THEN YOU CAN'T EVEN WALK INTO THIS
17 MEETING AND WEAR A HOOD WITHOUT HAVING A THREAT OF ARREST. AND
18 YET YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO THE SUPREME COURT AND URGE THAT THE
19 COUNTRY BE RAN BY AN EMPEROR. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED, AN EMPEROR.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THE MOTION BEFORE US TODAY
22 IS TO APPEAL A DECISION TO SUPPORT THE APPEAL OF A COURT
23 DECISION THAT THE FEDERAL COURT HAD RULED IN TEXAS, FEDERAL
24 COURT RULE, COURT OF APPEAL HAD RULED IN FAVOR OF THE ACTION
25 BROUGHT BY THE 26 BIPARTISAN GROUP OF GOVERNORS OR ATTORNEY

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1 GENERALS WHO SUCCESSFULLY FILED THE INJUNCTION TO THE ORDERS.
2 THE INJUNCTION SURVIVED THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS AND
3 THE SUPREME COURT HAS AGREED TO REVIEW THAT CASE WHICH THEY
4 WILL BE DOING THIS COMING YEAR. THE PRIMARY ISSUE IS BEFORE
5 THE COURT AS IT RELATES TO THE DEFERRED ACTION PROGRAM WHICH
6 THE PRESIDENT ORDERED GRANTS AND BENEFITS INCLUDE WORK
7 PERMITS, GIVING THESE INDIVIDUALS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS,
8 WELFARE, HEALTH, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR PUBLIC HOUSING OR
9 ASSISTED HOUSING, POST SECONDARY EDUCATION, ALL OTHER TYPES OF
10 BENEFITS. AND THE COURT RULED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S
11 FAILURE TO SECURE THE BORDERS EXACERBATED ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION
12 TO THE COUNTRY AND THE RECORD HAD SUPPORTED THE FINDING THAT
13 THE LACK OF ENFORCEMENT COMBINED THE FINDINGS WITH THE
14 COUNTY'S HIGH RATE OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION SIGNIFICANTLY DRAINS
15 STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES. THE JUDGE IN THAT CASE STATED,
16 QUOTE, THE STATE'S ARGUMENT IS CERTAINLY A SIMPLIFICATION OF A
17 MORE COMPLEX PROBLEM. REGARDLESS OF HOW SIMPLE OR LAYERED THE
18 ANALYSIS IS, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE FAILURE OF THE
19 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO SECURE THE BORDERS IS COSTING THE STATES
20 EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT IMMEDIATELY ON THE BORDER, MILLIONS OF
21 DOLLARS IN DAMAGES EACH YEAR, AND THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT WE
22 HAVE. AND IF THE PRESIDENT CANNOT USE HIS OFFICE THROUGH AN
23 EXECUTIVE ORDER TO GRANT THESE TYPES OF BENEFITS, IT HAS TO BE
24 DONE THROUGH LEGISLATIVE-- LEGISLATION PASSED BY CONGRESS AND
25 THEN SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. YOU CANNOT UNILATERALLY ISSUE AN

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1 EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT COVERS THESE TYPES OF BENEFITS. AND AGAIN
2 IT APPEARS IT'S GOING TO BE A DECISION THAT THE SUPREME COURT
3 WILL BE MAKING TO EITHER UPHOLD THE COURT, FEDERAL COURT AND
4 THE FEDERAL COURT OF APPEAL OR REVERSE THAT. SO, AGAIN, I
5 SUPPORT THE COURT DECISIONS IN THIS CASE AND WOULD BE OPPOSED
6 TO OPPOSING THE COURT DECISION BY THE COURT OF APPEALS OF THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM THAT I
14 INTRODUCED ALONG WITH MY CO-AUTHOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I AM
15 HAPPY TO SAY THAT MANY OF US HERE AT THE DAIS SUPPORT
16 PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON IMMIGRATION AND
17 DEFERRED ACTION. WE KNOW THAT IT HAD STOPPED IN THE FIFTH
18 CIRCUIT COURT. AND NOW IT WILL GO TO THE SUPREME COURT WHERE
19 IT WILL APPROPRIATELY BE DEBATED. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A
20 PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND THAT HAS WORKED FOR
21 MINORS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE DREAM ACT STUDENTS, YOUNG
22 PEOPLE THAT WERE ELIGIBLE FOR WORK PERMITS AND MANY OF THEM
23 HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR TENURE, COMPLETING THEIR
24 EDUCATION, GETTING TRAINING AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR SOCIETY.
25 SOME ARE EVEN SERVING NOW AS LAWYERS AND TEACHERS IN OUR

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1 COMMUNITIES. I DON'T SEE THIS AS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO GO
2 BACK ON NECESSARILY AND SAY THAT "WELL, OOPS, THE CONGRESS
3 GOOFED. THEY COULDN'T GET IT TOGETHER AND WE SHOULD JUST LEAVE
4 IT ALONE. " BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES HAVE
5 THE ABILITY TO PUT FORWARD HIS IDEAS IN TERMS OF TRYING TO GET
6 SOMETHING DONE THAT WE KNOW WORKS. ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS
7 PEOPLE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO WORK TEMPORARILY AND TO KEEP
8 FAMILIES TOGETHER. NOT ALL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, AS IS STATED,
9 ARE HERE TO TAKE AWAY FROM OUR CONSTITUENTS, BUT MANY OF THEM
10 ADD, ADD VARIOUS TYPES OF, I THINK, PROVOCATIVE THINGS TO OUR
11 COMMUNITY, TO OUR WELL-BEING HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAPPEN TO
12 REPRESENT MANY OF THEM IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. AND I'M PROUD TO
13 REPRESENT THEM. AND I KNOW THAT ONCE THIS IS DEBATED IN THE
14 SUPREME COURT, I'M SURE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO AFFORD OURSELVES
15 THE OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT THE PRESIDENT'S
16 INTENT WAS. THE D.A.C.A. STUDENTS THAT I HAVE COME ACROSS HAVE
17 WORKED VERY HARD. MANY OF THEM CAME HERE THROUGH NO FAULT OF
18 THEIR OWN AS YOUNG INFANTS OR CHILDREN. MANY HAVE WORKED THEIR
19 WAY THROUGH COLLEGE AND ARE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND SOME ARE
20 IN THE WORKFORCE AND THEY'RE PROVIDING FOR THEIR FAMILIES. SO
21 I WOULD ASK FOR THE BOARD, FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION ON MOVING
22 THIS ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION. SUPERVISOR?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SECOND, MR. MAYOR. THERE'S APPROXIMATELY
2 500,000 ELIGIBLE PERSONS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ALONE.
3 THAT WARRANTS OUR ATTENTION. AND I WOULD TRUST WE CAN MOVE THE
4 ITEM FORWARD WITHOUT FURTHER DEBATE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO CALL THE ROLL.

7

8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. SO ORDERED. WE GO ON TO THE GAS?
22 ISSUE IS 1-R? MR. BOLDEN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S DEPARTMENT OF
23 CONSERVATION, DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES
24 AND WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GAS COMPANY THAT ARE
25 HERE. FOR THE RECORD, HOW DOES YOUR AGENCY HANDLE GAS AND

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1 OTHER GEOTHERMAL AND OIL ISSUES IN THE STATE? ARE YOU A
2 LICENSING AGENCY, AN OVERSIGHT AGENCY, A PERMITTING AGENCY?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** SIR, WE'RE THE REGULATORY AGENCY FOR ALL OIL AND GAS
5 ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE. THE DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS AND
6 GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES, WHICH IS A DIVISION WITHIN THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVERSIGHT OF
8 OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE. IT
9 HAS A DUAL MANDATE OF ASSISTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND
10 GAS AND GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS
11 RESPONSIBLE FOR DOING SO WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, PUBLIC SAFETY AND
12 A MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT ALL AT THE SAME TIME. MY
13 AGENCY HAS 178, ROUGHLY, STAFF, GIVE OR TAKE A FEW. OVERSEAS,
14 APPROXIMATELY 85 ACTIVE OIL AND GAS AND GEOTHERMAL-- 85,000
15 OIL AND GAS GEOTHERMAL WELLS IN THE STATE, SOME 22,000 IDLE
16 WELLS, AND AN ADDITIONAL, HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LONG TERM
17 OVERSIGHT OF ANOTHER 80,000 WELLS THAT HAVE BEEN PLUGGED AND
18 ABANDONED. SO WE ESTABLISH REGULATIONS. WE HOLD OPERATORS, OIL
19 AND GAS OPERATORS AND GEOTHERMAL OPERATORS TO THE REGULATIONS
20 THAT ARE ESTABLISHED THROUGH A PUBLIC PROCESS IN THE STATE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF ALL OF THOSE WELLS THAT YOU
23 OVERSEE, HOW MANY LEAK EACH YEAR?

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. WHAT I CAN
2 SAY IS THAT THERE ARE A VARIETY OF WELLS THAT UNDERGO SOME
3 SORT OF PROBLEM OR SOME PIPELINE THAT CONNECTS THE WELLS, SAY,
4 TO A WATER SEPARATION TANK OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. AND I WOULD
5 SAY THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL DOZEN. IT WOULD BE A GUESSTIMATE ON
6 MY PART. SEVERAL DOZEN OF THOSE KIND OF WELLS EVERY YEAR THAT
7 HAVE SOME FORM OF A PROBLEM OR OTHER.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HOW MANY OF THOSE LEAKS TAKE
10 LONGER THAN ONE WEEK OR TWO WEEKS OR THREE WEEKS TO BE CAPPED?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** WELL, MOST OF THOSE LEAKS OR THE PROBLEM WELLS ARE
13 OIL AND GAS WELLS. OIL WELLS, I'M SORRY. AND IN GENERAL,
14 THOSE--

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE NATURAL GAS
17 ONES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ONE LOCATION. AND I'M WONDERING WHAT
18 IS HAPPENING IN PORTER RANCH, IS IT HAPPENING IN OTHER AREAS
19 IN THE STATE THAT YOU HAVE JURISDICTION OVER? AND IF THEY DO
20 HAPPEN OR OCCUR, WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE THEY'RE
21 CORRECTED?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. I WAS ASKING MY STAFF ABOUT SIMILAR
24 SITUATIONS. AND THEY REMEMBERED ONE SEVERAL YEARS AGO. SO THIS
25 IS AN UNUSUAL EVENT. THIS IS AN UNUSUALLY CHALLENGING EVENT.

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1 PARTIALLY THE CHALLENGE IS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE LEAK
2 ITSELF. WHEN YOU CONSTRUCT A WELL, THE LAST THING YOU PUT THIS
3 IS WHAT'S CALLED THE LINER OR THE SORT OF INNER CASING. THAT
4 APPARENTLY HAD A HOLE IN IT AT ABOUT APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET.
5 GAS UNDER PRESSURE WHEN IT DECOMPRESSES, COOLS AND THEREFORE
6 THERE WAS A BLOCKAGE IN THE WELL OF ICE. IT'S METHANE HYDRATE.
7 IT'S ICE. AND SO THE FIRST KILL ATTEMPT, WHICH IS A STANDARD
8 ATTEMPT TO PUT BRINE AND FLUIDS INTO THE WELL WAS UNSUCCESSFUL
9 BECAUSE THE WELL WAS PLUGGED. THAT NECESSITATED RIDDING THE
10 WELL OF THAT BLOCKAGE. THEN ASSESSING THE WELL TO ASSESS WHERE
11 THE LEAK WAS OCCURRING AND HOW IT WAS OCCURRING. AND THEN
12 BECAUSE THE RESERVOIR WAS REALLY AT SORT OF MAXIMUM PRESSURE
13 BECAUSE IT WAS PREPARING FOR THE COLD HEATING SEASON, THE
14 LEAKING GAS PREVENTED THE KILL FLUIDS FROM BASICALLY SETTTLING
15 IN THE WELL AND OVERCOMING THE PRESSURE OF THE GAS TRYING TO
16 LEAK OUT. AND SO ONE OF THE CHALLENGES-- THE DIVISION AND OIL
17 AND GAS HAS BEEN ON THE SCENE FOR THE ENTIRE TIME. WE HAVE OUR
18 SENIOR OIL AND GAS ENGINEERS, IN FACT WE'VE SHIFTED SOME STAFF
19 AROUND SO THAT OUR MOST EXPERIENCED STAFF ARE ON SITE FROM THE
20 BEGINNING OF THE MORNING UNTIL THE TIME THAT ANY ACTIVITY AT
21 THE WELL SITE CLOSES EVERY DAY, FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. WE
22 CONSULT WITH THE COMPANY. WE CHALLENGE THEM ON THEIR PROCESSES
23 AND PLANS TO KILL THE WELL, MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THOUGHT
24 THROUGH EVERYTHING. ONE OF THE THINGS-- YOU ALWAYS RUN THE
25 RISK OF MAKING THE SITUATION WORSE. AND WHAT YOU WANT TO DO IN

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1 THESE SITUATIONS IS ATTEMPT TO KILL THE WELL AND THEN IF IT'S
2 NOT SUCCESSFUL, UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WEREN'T SUCCESSFUL, AND
3 THEN TO CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WELL ITSELF DIDN'T UNDERGO
4 ANY OTHER ADDITIONAL DAMAGE OR CHANGE. SO THOSE ARE DIAGNOSTIC
5 TESTS THAT HAVE TO BE RUN. IT'S A DEEP WELL. IT'S 8,500 FEET.
6 IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO RUN DIAGNOSTIC TOOLS DOWN THE WELL
7 BORE AND BACK UP. SO EVERY TIME YOU PERFORM AN ATTEMPT TO
8 CLOSE THE WELL, YOU HAVE TO REPEAT THAT CYCLE IF YOU'RE NOT
9 SUCCESSFUL. THE ONE THING YOU DON'T WANT TO DO IS DO SOMETHING
10 THAT THEN CREATES A PROBLEM THAT IS EVEN HARDER TO SOLVE. ONE
11 OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES UP THERE IS THE CONSTANT THREAT OF
12 IGNITION OF THE GAS TO CREATE A FIRE. IT WOULD NOT BE AN
13 EXPLOSION, BUT IT WOULD BE AN IGNITION. AND THAT WOULD CREATE
14 YET AN ADDITIONAL CHALLENGE, THEN, THAT YOU HAVE TO PUT THAT
15 OUT AND THEN CONTINUE WITH YOUR KILL OPERATIONS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH IS DANGEROUS.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** IT IS VERY DANGEROUS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IT IMPACTS PUBLIC SAFETY?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** IT DOES IMPACT PUBLIC SAFETY. OF COURSE THE CONCERN
24 IS THE ROUGHLY 7,500 WORKERS THAT ARE UP THERE INTERMITTENTLY.
25 THEY WOULD OF COURSE BE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND IT WOULD NOT BE A GOOD SELLING
3 POINT IF YOU WERE HAVING YOUR HOUSE ON THE MARKET RIGHT NOW TO
4 SELL.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I CAN IMAGINE THAT WOULD BE THE CASE, SIR, YES, SIR.
7 SO THE DIVISION IS THERE. WE DID VERY STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE
8 COMPANY TO CONSIDER PLAN B, THE DRILLING OF THE RELIEF WELL
9 VERY EARLY ON. THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DOING THAT. WE
10 ISSUED AN ORDER ASKING THE DIVISION-- REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO
11 PROVIDE US WITH ALL OF THEIR DIAGNOSTIC TESTS, ALL OF THE
12 THINGS THAT THEY HAD PERFORMED ON THE WELL. SO WE HAVE THAT
13 INFORMATION. WE ARE CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF ALL OF THE WELLS IN
14 THIS INJECTION PROJECT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE AREN'T OTHER
15 WELLS THAT MAY HAVE POTENTIALLY SIMILAR PROBLEMS. WE HAVE SOME
16 THEORIES ABOUT WHY THIS WELL LEAKED. WE WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE
17 FINISH CLOSING THE WELL AND DO A THOROUGH ANALYSIS. THE
18 DIVISION WILL BE TAKING THE LEAD WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES IN
19 A ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS. AND THE COMPANY HAS AGREED TO
20 PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THAT. I AM ON THE PHONE REGULARLY. THERE
21 ARE FIVE STATE AGENCIES THAT ARE COORDINATED ON THIS. THE
22 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY
23 COMMISSION, THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL-- EMERGENCY SERVICES
24 AND THE CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD. WE HAVE DAILY
25 TELEPHONE CALLS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AT THE END OF THE

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1 DAY. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF RESOURCES BEING PUT TO THIS. WE, AS
2 I SAID EARLIER, ARE CHALLENGING THE COMPANY ON MAKING SURE
3 THAT THE PLAN IS A SOLID PLAN. OUR ENGINEERS HAVE LOOKED AT
4 IT. AND THAT WE'RE THINKING CONSTANTLY ABOUT TIME. AND WE ARE
5 IN RECEIPT OF THE COMPANY'S PLAN TO DRILL THE RELIEF WELL.
6 DRILLING THE WELL IS RELATIVELY SIMPLE. HAVING IT INTERSECT
7 THE WELL IN QUESTION SO THAT FLUIDS CAN BE PUMPED IN FROM THE
8 BOTTOM OF THAT WELL AND KILL THAT WELL IS A LITTLE BIT
9 TRICKIER. BUT TIME IS AN ENEMY. BUT DOING THINGS TOO QUICKLY
10 AND CREATING A PROBLEM THAT CAUSES MORE TIME IS SOMETHING WE
11 HAVE TO BALANCE AGAINST.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO CAP THE WELL, DO
14 YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BRING IN OUTSIDE EXPERTS TO CAP THE
15 WELL?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** THE OPERATOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT WELL AND THE
18 MAINTENANCE OF THAT WELL. WE CAN ORDER THE COMPANY TO DO A
19 WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND HAVE YOU ISSUED THAT ORDER TO DO A
22 WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE ISSUED ORDERS TO DO-- TO PROVIDE US WITH ALL
25 OF THE INFORMATION. WE DID NOT ISSUE AN ORDER TO PROCEED

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1 RAPIDLY WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN B, WHICH WAS THE DRILLING
2 OF THE RELIEF WELL. THE COMPANY HAS DONE THAT ON ITS OWN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE QUESTION WOULD BE: HOW MANY DAYS
5 OR WEEKS? BECAUSE NOW IT'S GOING ON, WHAT, 37, 38 DAYS? WHAT
6 IS YOUR MARK WHERE YOU TELL THEM "WE WILL TAKE OVER OR WE WILL
7 DO WHAT IS NECESSARY?" IS IT TWO MONTHS, THREE MONTHS? IS THAT
8 WHAT YOU'RE TELLING US?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TELLING YOU. I DON'T WANT TO SET A
11 SPECIFIC TIME BECAUSE THAT TIME MAY ARRIVE AND WE'LL HAVE TO
12 ASSESS THEN. BUT CERTAINLY WE ANTICIPATE THE RELIEF WELL TO
13 TAKE SOMEWHERE-- OUR STAFF, OUR ENGINEERS, OUR OWN ASSESSMENT
14 SAYS THAT THEY THINK IT'LL TAKE ROUGHLY 60 DAYS. I HAVE ASKED--
15 -

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANOTHER 60 DAYS OR 60 DAYS FROM THE
18 BEGINNING?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** 60 DAYS FROM THE BEGINNING. WHICH WILL START TOMORROW
21 OR THE DAY AFTER. I'VE ASKED MY CHIEF DEPUTY WHO IS SITTING TO
22 MY LEFT THAT I WANT AN ANALYSIS DONE BY OUR ENGINEERS. AND IF
23 WE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT PEOPLE IN-HOUSE, WE WILL GET THE RIGHT
24 PEOPLE TO SUPPORT US THROUGH CONTRACTS. I WANT AN ASSESSMENT
25 OF HOW WE WOULD CUT THAT TIME IN HALF.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THIS THE FIRST TYPE OF LEAK IN YOUR
3 EXPERIENCE SINCE YOU'VE BEEN IN THIS POSITION?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR. OF THIS NATURE. AND AS I INDICATED EARLIER,
6 IT'S ACTUALLY RARE IN THE DIVISION'S EXPERIENCE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THERE'S WATER THERE, SIR.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE QUESTION: WERE YOU APPRISED OF OF
13 THE INTERNAL MEMOS THAT THE COMPANY HAD THAT WERE DONE IN THE
14 '90S THAT INDICATED THAT THIS WAS THE WRONG TACTIC TO TAKE OR
15 APPROACH TO TAKE, THIS DRILLING THAT TOOK PLACE? DO YOU HAVE
16 THE AUTHORITY TO ASK THE GAS COMPANY TO GIVE YOU THEIR
17 INTERNAL MEMOS ON THIS PROJECT IN THE 1990S THAT WERE
18 PROVIDED?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ASK THEM FOR ANY AND ALL
21 INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS WELL. I WAS UNAWARE OF THOSE. I'M
22 NOT SURE WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD ASK
25 THEM FOR THE INTERNAL MEMOS THAT THEY HAD IN 1990S WHETHER TO

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1 PROCEED WITH THIS PROJECT OR NOT FOR YOUR BACKGROUND
2 INFORMATION BECAUSE IT COULD BE VERY HELPFUL MAYBE IN CAPPING
3 OR FUTURE PROJECTS. AND WHEN THEY STARTED THE DRILLING IN THIS
4 WELL, DO YOU HAVE TO APPROVE THEIR PROTOCOL? OR THEY JUST ASK
5 FOR PERMISSION.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE PERMIT THE WELL. SO THAT WOULD INVOLVE A COMPLETE
8 PLAN. THAT WOULD BE A PLAN OF A VARIETY OF TECHNICAL ISSUES.
9 HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DRILL THE WELL. WHAT CASINGS THEY'RE
10 GOING TO USE, ALL THOSE SORTS OF THINGS ARE THINGS THAT OUR
11 DIVISION WOULD AN REVIEW AND APPROVE AS PART OF THE PERMIT
12 THAT WOULD BE GRANTED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DO YOU HAVE IN THAT PROTOCOL WHAT
15 OCCURS WHEN THERE IS A LEAK, HOW DO YOU RESPOND?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WELL, YES, WE DO, IN THAT IF IT'S SAY, FOR EXAMPLE, A
18 LEAK OF OIL--

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LIKE THE LEAK WE'RE HAVING HERE WITH
21 NATURAL GAS. IN THEIR PROTOCOL WHEN THEY'RE GETTING THE
22 AUTHORITY FROM YOU, DO THEY ALSO HAVE A PROVISION WHERE THEY
23 WILL TELL YOU WHAT THEY WILL DO AND HOW THEY WILL DO IT IF
24 THEY HAPPEN TO HAVE A MALFUNCTION?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ROUTINE TESTS, BLOWOUT
2 PREVENTER TESTS AND SO ON THAT THEY HAVE TO PASS AS WE GO
3 FORWARD.
4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. THEIR REACTION ON DOING THE 9-1-1
6 TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE. DID THEY TELL YOU HOW THEY WOULD RESPOND
7 IF THERE WAS A LEAK?
8

9 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY. IN OTHER WORDS, DID THEY HAVE--
10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW THEY WOULD RESPOND TO CORRECT THE
12 LEAK?
13

14 **SPEAKER:** OPERATORS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A SPILL PREVENTION
15 PLAN.
16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW DOES THAT SPILL PREVENTION PLAN
18 THAT THEY HAVE, HOW IS THAT BEING APPLIED TO THIS LEAK?
19

20 **SPEAKER:** I DON'T KNOW IN THE CASE OF GAS WELLS WHETHER THERE'S
21 A SPILL PREVENTION PLAN.
22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FORGET THE OIL, GEOTHERMAL. JUST THE
24 GAS WELL, THE PORTER RANCH ISSUE. WHEN THEY HAD THE PERMITS TO
25 DO WHAT THEY DID YEARS AGO, DID IT ALSO, IN THAT PROTOCOL THAT

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1 THEY PRESENTED, WHAT THEY WOULD DO IF THERE HAPPENED TO BE A
2 LEAK OR A MALFUNCTION? SO YOU KNOW THE PROCEDURES ARE GOING TO
3 FOLLOW.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** SO THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS I WOULD HAVE TO ASK
6 MY TECHNICAL STAFF THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE IF THEY DON'T, YOU NEED TO
9 HAVE THAT BECAUSE THERE COULD BE LEAKS THAT ARE OCCURRING IN
10 OTHER PARTS-- IN THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WE HAVE A
11 PROTOCOL WHERE WE COULD CONTACT THE FIRE, THE POLICE, THE
12 CORONER, ET CETERA, WHEN WE HAVE EMERGENCIES. THAT'S THE
13 PROTOCOL. WE ALL KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN THAT HAPPENS.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THERE IS A DIVISION PROTOCOL. SO THE SITUATION IN
16 THIS CASE WAS IS THAT THE DIVISION WAS NOTIFIED THAT THERE WAS
17 A LEAK AT THE WELL HEAD. WE INITIALLY, I THINK THE OPERATOR,
18 THE COMPANY AND THE DIVISION THOUGHT THIS WAS A RELATIVELY
19 ROUTINE LEAK AT THE WELL HEAD THAT COULD BE MANAGED. ONCE
20 THAT-- THE INITIAL WORK WAS DONE AND THAT PROVED NOT TO BE THE
21 CASE, THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WAS NOTIFIED. AND
22 STANDARD NOTIFICATIONS WENT OUT. AND THAT'S WHEN THE DIVISION
23 STARTED TO MONITOR THE SITUATION ON A DAILY BASIS. SO THOSE
24 ARE FAIRLY ROUTINE THINGS THAT WE DO.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THE QUESTION WAS: WAS THE GAS
2 COMPANY REQUIRED TO INFORM YOU WHEN THIS LEAK OCCURRED? AND
3 WHEN WAS THAT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS ON OCTOBER 23RD. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM
6 US AND THEY DID INFORM US.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DO THEY INFORM OTHER AGENCIES, AS
9 WELL?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** INITIALLY THEY DIDN'T BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS A
12 WELL HEAD LEAK. BUT ONCE IT WAS CLEAR THAT IT WAS MORE SERIOUS
13 THAN THAT, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THEY DID.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO THEN THEY DID ALSO CONTACT THE
16 P.U.C. AND AIR RESOURCES BOARD. DOES YOUR AGENCY KNOW WHAT
17 CAUSED THE LEAK AND WHY THE LEAK HAS BEEN SO COMPLICATED TO
18 FIX?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WE HAVE THEORIES ABOUT WHAT CAUSED THE LEAK. WE DO
21 NOT KNOW WHAT CAUSED THE LEAK. THAT WE'LL HAVE TO DO THAT IN A
22 ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS IN THE AFTERMATH.

23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE YOU CONCERNED THAT THE LEAK THAT
2 OCCURRED IN THIS WELL COULD OCCUR IN THE OTHER 100 WELLS THAT
3 THEY HAVE?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** THE ANSWER IS YES. SO I HAVE MY STAFF LOOKING AT EACH
6 AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE WELLS, THE WELL CONSTRUCTION DIAGRAMS
7 AND SO FORTH. WE KNOW THAT THIS WELL IS OF A PARTICULAR
8 GENERATION OF WELLS. OUT OF THE ROUGHLY 140 WELLS IN THIS
9 PROJECT, THERE ARE I'LL SAY ROUND NUMBERS, ABOUT 20 THAT WERE
10 DRILLED IN 1953. AND WE ARE REVIEWING THE CASING DIAGRAMS AND
11 ALL OF THE DETAILED TESTING INFORMATION OF ALL OF THOSE WELLS.
12 AND WE WILL-- OUR ENERGIES ARE BEING FOCUSED RIGHT NOW ON
13 GETTING THIS WELL SHUT IN AND PLUGGED AND ABANDONED. BUT WE
14 WILL BE LOOKING VERY CAREFULLY AND RUNNING-- MAKING SURE WE
15 RUN TESTS ON ALL THE OLDER WELLS IN THE PROJECT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO
18 MAINTAIN WELL MAINTENANCE PROTOCOLS. CAN YOU EXPLAIN HOW OFTEN
19 YOUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS INSPECTIONS AND OVERSEES FACILITIES
20 SUCH AS OLISO CANYON?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** YES. SO AS PART OF THE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
23 PROGRAM, THERE ARE A SERIES OF TESTS THAT ARE REQUIRED OF
24 DIFFERENT TYPES OF WELLS DEPENDING UPON WHAT THE WELL IS. IN
25 THIS CASE THERE ARE ANNUAL CHECKS OF THE WELL. IT'S

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1 ESSENTIALLY A THERMAL LAW TO LOOK FOR TEMPERATURE ANOMALIES IN
2 THE WELL. THERE ARE ALSO PRESSURE READINGS THAT ARE TAKEN IN
3 THE SPACES BETWEEN THE CASINGS THAT GIVE INFORMATION ABOUT THE
4 WELLS AND THOSE RECORDS ARE ALSO GIVEN TO THE DIVISION. SO
5 THOSE ARE STANDARD ROUTINES. THIS PARTICULAR WELL WAS DUE FOR
6 A TEST WHEN THE LEAK WAS DISCOVERED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHEN WAS THE LAST TEST GIVEN ON THAT?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** IT WAS A YEAR AGO. THIS WELL WAS PROPERLY PERMITTED
11 AND HAD BEEN PROPERLY TESTED.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
14 APPROVED THE GAS COMPANY'S TURBO LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN
15 2013 WITH A MORE EFFICIENT, POWERFUL ONE. AND DID YOU COMMENT
16 ON THE WELL INTEGRITY IN THE E.I.R. AND IF THE WELLS COULD
17 HANDLE THAT GREATER PRESSURE AND GAS INJECTION OR WITHDRAWAL?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** I'D HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT, SIR. I DON'T
20 KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT, IF YOU
23 COULD. ALSO, WILL YOU BE PROVIDING A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION
24 AND REPORT BACK TO THE STATE AFTER THE LEAK IS FIXED? AND WILL

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1 THERE BE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHAT CAN BE DONE TO PREVENT THE
2 INCIDENT FROM HAPPENING AGAIN?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YES, THERE WILL. ACTUALLY, THE HEAD OF THE CALIFORNIA
5 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AND I HAVE DISCUSSED A ROOT-CAUSE
6 ANALYSIS AND POST-EVENT ANALYSIS. THE DIVISION AND THE
7 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION WILL BE TAKING THE LEAD ON THAT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO YOU'LL ALL BE DOING THAT, P.U.C.
10 AND ALL?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST TO FOLLOW UP. DO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU
17 DON'T ENGAGE IN THE ROOT-CAUSE ANALYSIS UNTIL THE LEAK IS
18 SOMEHOW CAPPED?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU SAID THAT COULD TAKE 60 DAYS FROM NOW?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** IT WILL BE WHENEVER IT IS. RIGHT NOW, THE RESOURCES
25 HAVE TO BE FOCUSED ON GETTING THE WELL SHUT IN.

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1

2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHEN YOU SAID 60 DAYS, DID YOU MEAN THAT
3 YOU THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO SHUT DOWN THE WELL?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT'S APPROXIMATELY THE TIME SCALE THAT WE
6 EXPECT THE WELL TO BE CLOSED IN.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** SO THE ROOT- CAUSE ANALYSIS WOULD NOT BEGIN
9 UNTIL AFTER THAT?

10

11 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY CORRECT BECAUSE THE DATA THAT--
12 SO FIRST OF ALL, GOING BACK AND LOOKING AT ALL THE WELL
13 RECORDS AND DOING A CAREFUL SCRUTINY OF THAT. ALL OF THE
14 INFORMATION THAT THE COMPANY HAS PROVIDED TO US AND WILL
15 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TO US BECOMES PART OF THAT ANALYSIS. SO
16 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES THAT THE DIVISION IS TAKING
17 ON RIGHT NOW THAT WILL BE PART OF THAT ANALYSIS. BUT DOING THE
18 FULL ANALYSIS AND HAVING A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE
19 SITUATION, THAT'S A WAYS OUT.

20

21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I APPRECIATE THE WORK AND THE ATTEMPTS. I
22 REALLY DO. IT'S EASY FOR US TO SAY "WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP IT BY
23 NOW?" ET CETERA. I'M WORRIED ABOUT THE OTHER WELLS, AS
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS INDICATED, THE 20 THAT ARE IN THE
25 SAME SORT OF ANCIENT FRAMEWORK, THE FACT THAT PEOPLE DO NOT

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1 SEEM TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT CAUSED THIS TO HAPPEN OR EVEN WHERE
2 IT IS?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** WE KNOW WHERE IT IS. WE KNOW WHERE IT IS. IT'S A
5 DEFECT IN THE CASING AT APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET. SO WE KNOW
6 WHERE IT IS.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, ANOTHER ASPECT THAT I THINK OF THIS
9 THAT IS VERY TROUBLING IS EVERY DAY IT'S KIND OF UNDOING ALL
10 THE DIMINUTION OF GREENHOUSE GASES THAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO
11 WORK ON IN THE STATE. WE PUT IN SO MUCH EFFORT TO REDUCE
12 GREENHOUSE GAS, AND THIS WELL IS PUTTING IT ALL RIGHT BACK UP
13 INTO THE AIR, ESSENTIALLY.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** I AM FOCUSED ON GETTING THE WELL PLUGGED AS QUICKLY
16 AS POSSIBLE. YOU'D HAVE TO ASK OTHER EXPERTS ABOUT HOW MUCH
17 GAS AND WHAT ITS IMPACT IS AND SO FORTH.

18

19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** FORGIVE ME. IT WASN'T A QUESTION.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** OH, I'M SORRY.

22

23 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IT'S JUST MUSING RHETORICALLY. I THINK WE
24 HATE BEING REMINDED, ESSENTIALLY HOW VULNERABLE WE ARE TO
25 YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS OF WHAT MIGHT BE NEGLECT, WHAT MIGHT

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1 BE ON THE PART OF THE COMPANY A FAILURE TO INSPECT OR
2 UNDERSTAND EVEN THEIR OWN WELLS. I THINK WE'RE IMPATIENT ABOUT
3 THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T JUST SHUT THIS OFF SOMEHOW AND STOP IT
4 FROM LEAKING INTO THE AIR. AND, FRANKLY, I STILL DON'T QUITE
5 UNDERSTAND THE MECHANICS OR LACK THEREOF OF REALLY BEING ABLE
6 TO DO THAT. WE TALKED ABOUT CAPPING THE WELL, BUT APPARENTLY
7 THAT DIDN'T-- THAT WOULDN'T SUFFICE, BECAUSE IT'S LEAKING
8 INTO, NOT UP THROUGH THE WELL, RIGHT?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** IT'S LEAKING UP THROUGH THE WELL TO ABOUT 500 FEET.
11 AND THEN THE GAS EXITS THE WELL. IT ACTUALLY THEN DESCENDS AND
12 THEN ESCAPES INTO THE GEOLOGIC FORMATIONS AT THE BOTTOM OF ONE
13 OF THE LARGER CASINGS. AND SO IT'S A COMPLICATED SITUATION. I
14 WILL SAY THAT THE SUBCONTRACTOR ON SITE, BOOTS & COOTS, I KNOW
15 THE NAME IS A LITTLE INTERESTING, BUT THAT HAS DEEP ROOTS.
16 THAT WAS ONE OF THE COMPANIES THAT CLOSED-- THAT PUT OUT ALL
17 THE FIRES OF THE KUWAITI OIL WELLS. THEY ARE SOME OF THE BEST
18 THE IN THE WORLD. SO THEY ARE VERY SKILLED AT THIS. AND THEY
19 WERE BROUGHT IN VERY QUICKLY BY THE COMPANY. SO THE DIVISION
20 BELIEVES THAT THE COMPANY HAS TAKEN THE RIGHT STEPS IN DEALING
21 WITH THIS WELL. TO THE EXTENT THAT WE HAVE SEEN SO FAR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ARE THERE OTHER INTERNATIONAL OR
24 NATIONAL COMPANIES THAT HAVE THE ABILITY TO CAP WELLS OF THIS
25 NATURE?

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1

2 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, THERE ARE OTHER COMPANIES. BOOTS & COOTS IS ONE
3 OF THE BEST THE IN THE BUSINESS.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SHOULD THEY BE CALLED?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WELL, YOU'D HAVE COMPETING CONTRACTORS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE ONE WHO GETS THE JOB DONE.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THERE'S A PRACTICAL CONSIDERATION ABOUT HOW YOU
12 OPERATE ON A WELL HEAD IN A RELATIVELY SMALL SPACE. THOSE
13 START TO BE CONJECTURAL ISSUES THAT WE CAN CERTAINLY DISCUSS
14 WITH THE COMPANY. I THINK IN PRACTICE, THOSE ALWAYS SOUND
15 GREAT. THEY'RE DIFFICULT TO EXECUTE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SO WHEN DO YOU STEP IN, YOUR AGENCY
18 STEP IN, AND SAY NOW IS THE TIME TO DO THIS? AND DOES YOUR
19 AGENCY HAVE A PROTOCOL WHERE IF CONTRACTOR A FAILS AFTER X
20 DAYS, WE GO TO CONTRACTOR B?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** ONCE THE STATE STEPS IN AND STARTS CALLING THE SHOTS,
23 THE STATE OWNS THE PROBLEM. AND THAT ISN'T THE GOAL OF THE
24 DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS IS TO OWN THIS PROBLEM. THE OPERATOR
25 IS RESPONSIBLE.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TO SEE THAT THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED ONE
3 WAY OR ANOTHER.

4

5 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT. AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE COMPANY,
6 ISSUE ORDERS IF NECESSARY TO GET THE PROBLEM SOLVED AS QUICKLY
7 AS POSSIBLE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I THINK THERE'S A FRUSTRATION THAT YOU
10 ARE MORE-- YOUR AGENCY IS MORE AN OBSERVER THAN A TAKE CHARGE
11 AND RESOLVE THE PROBLEM.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** MY AUTHORITY DOESN'T EXTEND TO SIMPLY TAKING OVER THE
14 PROBLEM AND STARTING TO EXECUTE A KILL OPERATION ON MY OWN.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHO HAS THAT AUTHORITY? NOT YOU AS THE
17 INDIVIDUAL, I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR DEPARTMENT. WHO HAS THE
18 AUTHORITY TO DO THAT?

19

20 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD HAVE TO ASK MY LEGAL STAFF. I DON'T KNOW THE
21 ANSWER TO THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS. I HAVE A
24 MOTION THAT THE BOARD SEND THAT FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO
25 GOVERNOR BROWN URGING HIS SUPPORT, REQUEST HE INTERCEDE TO

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1 ENSURE THE SAFETY OF RESIDENTS OF PORTER RANCH AND SURROUNDING
2 COMMUNITIES; REQUESTING THAT HE USE HIS EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY TO
3 DIRECT THE CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND GEOTHERMAL
4 RESOURCES AND OTHER CORRESPONDING STATE DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE
5 IMMEDIATE ACTION AND WORK WITH THE GAS COMPANY TO FIND AN
6 EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION TO FIX THE GAS LEAK. FURTHER MOVING
7 THAT THE BOARD SEND THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE
8 CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THE
9 P.U.C. CONDUCT A REVIEW TO DETERMINE IF THE GAS COMPANY'S IN
10 FULL COMPLIANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF THE OLISO CANYON TURBINE
11 REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE PORTER RANCH AREA. SECONDED BY
12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK
13 YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING DOWN. DO WE HAVE PUBLIC
14 COMMENT? WE HAD SOME PUBLIC COMMENT SO I'LL PUT THAT ON HOLD.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WALKER FOLEY. BLESS YOU. WALKER FOLEY.
17 ARNOLD SACHS. JOHN WALSH. MICHAEL RED CHIEF HUNT. MR. SACHS.

18

19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. FASCINATING
20 INFORMATION, ACTUALLY. YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAVE DOCUMENTATION
21 ABOUT THE IRREGULARITIES ABOUT THIS WELL, WHY DON'T YOU PASS
22 THEM ON TO COUNTY COUNSEL AND COUNTY COUNSEL CAN JOIN AN
23 AMICUS BRIEF WITH ONE OF THESE ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS WHO I'M
24 SURE ARE GOING TO SUE TO RECOVER COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
25 GAS LEAK. THE WELL WAS PERMITTED? IS THERE A RENEWAL FOR THE

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1 PERMIT? IT WAS DRILLED IN 1953. YOU'RE SENDING A FIVE-
2 SIGNATURE LETTER. TOO BAD YOU COULDN'T SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE
3 LETTER REGARDING EXIDE AND HAVE THEM MOVE-- THE STATE MOVE ON
4 THE CLEANUP OF THE EXIDE SPILL THAT'S AFFECTING 2 MILLION
5 RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY. IT'S AN INJECTION WELL. IT IS
6 INJECTION OF THE GAS. YOU READ IN THE NEWSPAPER, THEY WROTE
7 THAT THE GAS LEAK WAS INCLUDING MERCAPTAN. THAT'S NOT INJECTED
8 INTO THE WELL? OR IS THE INJECTION OF THE GAS STILL INTO THE
9 STORAGE WELL CONTINUING? HAS THAT BEEN STOPPED? HAVE THEY
10 STOPPED WITH THE INJECTION BECAUSE IT'S ACTUALLY A STORAGE
11 FACILITY. AND SO UNTIL THEY CAP THIS WELL, SHOULD THEY STOP
12 PUTTING FUEL INTO IT SO THAT IT WOULD LESSEN THE PRESSURE
13 THERE. THAT QUESTION WASN'T ASKED. AGAIN, IF YOU'RE GOING TO
14 SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER, SEND ONE OR EXIDE, ALSO IF
15 YOU'RE USING UP PAPERWORK. BUT I WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND THAT
16 YOU PASS THOSE DOCUMENTS ON TO SOME OF THE PEOPLE HERE LAST
17 WEEK AND LET THEM LOOK AT THEM. AND WHY WOULD YOU CONTINUE
18 WITH THIS DRILLING AND NOT ABATE THIS PROJECT?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGH LANDS.ORG.
23 OCTOBER 23RD. THAT MEANS 39 DAYS SINCE THE LEAK. YOU DIDN'T DO
24 A [EXPLITIVE] THING-- THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED THERE LIVED IN THE
25 POISON BECAUSE THEY'RE WHITE PEOPLE, TRUMP PEOPLE WHO BELIEVE

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1 IN CORPORATIONS. THEY LIVED IN THE POISONED ATMOSPHERE FOR
2 THREE WEEKS UNTIL THEY GOT OUT IN THE STREET AND PROTESTED.
3 AND IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEY PROTESTED THE PRESS PICKED IT UP AND
4 YOU PICKED IT UP. THESE PEOPLE WOULD BE POISONED NOW IF THEY
5 HADN'T GONE TO THE MEDIA. FOR SHAME. EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE WHITE
6 REPUBLICANS. AND I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO BAN THE
7 ENTIRE OIL FIELD. AND WHEN THIS PRESIDENT WAS OVER AT CITY
8 COUNCIL JUST AN HOUR AGO, HE APOLOGIZED AND SAID THE
9 CORPORATION WAS WRONG. YOU CAN SEE THAT ON THE TAPE. BUT OVER
10 HERE HE DIDN'T SAY THAT BECAUSE THE CITY IS NOT GOING TO BE
11 SUED. YOU ARE GOING TO BE SUED UP HERE ALONG WITH YOUR CO-
12 DEFENDANTS AT SOCAL GAS. THIS DIDN'T HAPPEN AT THE CITY
13 BECAUSE D.W.P. DID THEIR JOB. AND I LIKED LISTENING TO THE
14 WHITE WOMAN, THIS NEVER WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IN A BLACK OR
15 BROWN NEIGHBORHOOD, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN ON TOP OF THIS
16 IMMEDIATELY, WITHIN 12 HOURS THEY WOULD HAVE SAID WE'RE BEING
17 GASSED. THE WHITE WOMAN ON T.V. SAID "MY LITTLE DAUGHTER HAS A
18 NOSEBLEED EVERY DAY." AND SHE DIDN'T GIVE A [EXPLITIVE] ABOUT
19 THAT NOSEBLEED UNTIL THREE WEEKS LATER. THIS WHOLE THING
20 STARTED OCTOBER 23RD. AND IF THERE'S ONE OF YOU HERE THAT SAYS
21 THAT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THIS ON OCTOBER 24TH?
22 NOT TODAY. BECAUSE YOU DON'T GIVE A [EXPLITIVE] ABOUT BLACK
23 PEOPLE, WHITE PEOPLE OR BROWN PEOPLE. ONLY THE ONES THAT
24 YOU'RE RELATED TO. GARBAGE. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE. POISONOUS
25 GARBAGE.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WAYNE SPINDLER. YES, SIR. I KNOW, I'M
3 CALLING UP THE NEXT PERSON AFTER YOU.

4

5 **MICHAEL RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. MIKE, YOU DID A
6 LOT FOR ME IN YOUR LAST COMMENT WHEN YOU SAID IS THERE A
7 BETTER WAY TO HANDLE THIS? OR IS THERE A BETTER COMPANY? NOT
8 ONLY IS THERE A BETTER COMPANY, BUT THERE'S BETTER WAY OF
9 HANDLING THIS WHOLE THING. HERE'S WHAT I HAVE TO SAY TO YOU
10 AND ALL YOU GUYS UP HERE IS: LET'S CLOSE IT DOWN. IT'S A
11 BETTER WAY OF GAS RESOURCES THAN LEAKING AND ALL THIS OTHER
12 STUFF. IF IT'S A WELL THAT'S BEEN 53 YEARS OLD OR DONE IN
13 1950, IT'S OBSOLETE. LET'S GET ON TOP OF THIS. WE HAVE KIDS
14 INVOLVED. WE HAVE FAMILIES INVOLVED. LET'S CUT THE WHOLE
15 PROGRAM BECAUSE IF THERE'S A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE THEN WE HAVE A
16 DISASTER. AND HERE'S WHAT WE GOT TO DO IS STOP THE PROBLEM.
17 AND I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS EVER HEARD ME SAY THIS. DEMOCRATS
18 SOLVE PROBLEMS AND PUT PEOPLE FIRST. AND, MIKE, YOU DONE A LOT
19 FOR THIS, THIS IS WHY I TOOK OFF MY RED HAT. THANK YOU FOR
20 PROTECTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THANK
21 YOU. I GOT RESPECT FOR YOU, SIR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. SPINDLER.

24

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1 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES. GIVE CREDIT TO "THE DAILY NEWS" WHO'S
2 REPORTED THIS STORY SINCE THE BREAKING OF IT. AND THE L.A.
3 TIMES HAS DONE EVERYTHING TO QUASH THE STORY. THEY HAVE BURIED
4 THE STORY IN THE BACK OF ITS PAGES. THE L.A. TIMES IS A
5 DISGUSTING PIECE OF GARBAGE. IT'S NOT EVEN JOURNALISM AND IT'S
6 COVERING UP WHAT HAPPENED. THE WELL THAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT
7 FROM COONS AND BOOTS DOWN THERE IN LOUISIANA, THEY BROUGHT
8 THESE REDNECKS OUT HERE TO REDNECK THE WELL BY TRYING TO
9 INJECT BRINE INTO THE WELL. MY FAMILY INVESTED IN WELLS SO I
10 KNOW A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. AND THE PROBLEM IS THAT IT
11 FROZE. YOU CAN'T INJECT THE WATER IN THERE IN A FROZEN WELL
12 BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO HEAT THE WATER MORE THAN 32 DEGREES
13 CELSIUS. SO WHAT HAPPENED IS THEY TRIED TO UNBLOCK IT WITH A
14 PIECE OF VERY EXPENSIVE AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT THAT WAS IMPORTED
15 FOR BASIC WILDCATING, WELLING IN THE SOUTHWEST AND IT FAILED.
16 AND "THE DAILY NEWS" REPORTED THIS AND MADE A LARGE PHOTOGRAPH
17 SHOWING THE PIECE OF EQUIPMENT. AND THE GAS COMPANY SAID,
18 "EVERYTHING'S FINE. WE'RE GOING TO SIMPLY UNBLOCK THE WELL AND
19 THEN WE'RE GOING TO PUT WATER DOWN THERE. WE'RE GOING TO CAP
20 IT AND THE PRESSURE FROM THE WATER AND THE BRINE WILL FORCE
21 THE WELL TO STOP RELEASING GAS." WELL, GAS IS LIGHTER THAN
22 WATER. AND THE GAS KEPT COMING OUT. THEN IT KEPT SEEPING OUT.
23 AND NOW IT'S INTO THE HOMES OF CHILDREN, BLEEDING FROM THEIR
24 NOSES. AND WHAT ARE THEY GETTING? HOTEL VOUCHERS. THEY'RE
25 GETTING HOTEL VOUCHERS AND APOLOGIES AT CITY COUNCIL. THIS

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1 BOARD IS LIABLE. THE STATE IS LIABLE. AND THE GAS COMPANY IS
2 LIABLE FOR GASSING PEOPLE LIKE THEY'RE EXPERIMENTS IN NAZI
3 GERMANY. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY'RE BEING GASSED
4 TO DEATH. YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION NOW AND STOP THIS KILLING.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GAS
7 COMPANY SIGNED UP. DID THEY WANT TO SPEAK? IF NOT-- CAN YOU
8 GIVE US AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S TAKING PLACE SINCE LAST WEEK?

9

10 **JIMMY CHO:** YES, MR. MAYOR. WE'LL DO BOTH FROM A CUSTOMER
11 OUTREACH PERSPECTIVE. I'M JIMMY CHO, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND
12 GILLIAN WRIGHT, OUR VICE PRESIDENT CUSTOMER SERVICE WILL START
13 FIRST THE CUSTOMER SIDE, AND I'LL DO THE OPERATIONS.

14

15 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** SO ON THE CUSTOMER SIDE, THE MAIN DEVELOPMENT
16 WE'VE HAD IS WE'VE HAD AN INCREASING NUMBER OF RESIDENTS
17 REQUESTING RELOCATION. THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS NOW PLACED FOR
18 RELOCATION IS 282 HOUSEHOLDS. WE HAVE A TOTAL OF 985 REQUESTS.
19 500 ARE IN PROCESS, MAINLY PEOPLE SEEKING ALTERNATIVES TO THE
20 IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ACCOMMODATIONS IN HOTELS. WE ARE
21 ACTIVELY SEEKING LONGER TERM ACCOMMODATIONS, MORE HOME-LIKE
22 ACCOMMODATIONS RIGHT NOW. AND WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF
23 LOOKING FOR A SPACE FOR A COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE
24 DURATION OF THE LEAK THAT WOULD BE A BRICK AND MORTAR SPACE
25 WITH STAFFING DURING BUSINESS HOURS SO THAT RESIDENTS COULD

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1 COME IN, GET ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND ADDRESS-- REQUEST
2 RELOCATION OR MAKE CLAIMS OR OTHER ISSUES. WE ARE WORKING VERY
3 HARD TO IMPROVE OUR OVERALL COMMUNICATIONS. WE JUST CAME FROM
4 THE CITY COUNCIL. AND COUNCILMAN ENGLANDER HAD A NUMBER OF
5 SUGGESTIONS THAT WE'RE HAPPY TO FOLLOW UP ON. AND IF YOUR
6 OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOUR SUGGESTIONS, AS WELL, WE WOULD
7 BE VERY HAPPY TO CONSIDER THOSE. WITH THAT ALTERNATIVE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE COMPLAINT WE HEAR THAT THE FORMS
10 THAT THE RESIDENTS HAVE TO FILL OUT IS VERY COMPLICATED AND
11 NEEDS TO BE SIMPLIFIED. I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO REFORM THOSE
12 PROCESSES. YOU SHOULD MAKE IT EASIER ON THE VICTIM OF THE
13 CRIME INSTEAD OF MAKING THEM A VICTIM TWICE.

14

15 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** ABSOLUTELY. WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT THE FORMAT OF
16 THE FORMS. I ASSUME YOU'RE REFERRING, MR. MAYOR, TO THE CLAIMS
17 FORM FOR CLAIMS REGARDING OTHER ISSUES SEPARATE FROM
18 RELOCATION?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BOTH. YES, SIR.

21

22 **JIMMY CHO:** YES, MR. MAYOR. I WANTED TO FIRST JUST IF I CAN
23 TAKE A MINUTE TO GIVE YOU THE TIMELINE. OCTOBER 23RD, AS
24 MENTIONED, IS WHEN WE DISCOVERED THE LEAK. AND AT THAT TIME
25 THE STANDARD PROCEDURE FOR THIS TYPE OF SITUATION WAS WHAT WE

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1 CALL A WELL KILL IN THE INDUSTRY, WHICH IS TO AGAIN INJECT A
2 BRINE SOLUTION, CREATE ENOUGH OF A HEAD PRESSURE TO OVERCOME
3 THE PRESSURE OF THE GAS TRYING TO COME OUT OF THE GROUND.
4 AGAIN, THE EQUIPMENT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT IS ABOUT A 3-INCH
5 DIAMETER TUBING ENCASED AROUND A 7-INCH CASING AND THEN
6 THERE'S ANOTHER SLEEVE WHICH GOES DOWN TO ABOUT 1,000 FEET
7 ABOUT 11 INCHES IN DIAMETER. THOSE ARE THE COMPONENTS. WE HAVE
8 GONE THROUGH SIX WELL-KILL ATTEMPTS, EACH OF THEM MORE
9 AGGRESSIVE IN STEPS. EACH OF THEM VERY THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED
10 AND SAFETY BEING FOREMOST. SO AN EXAMPLE, THE REASON WE HAVE
11 SPENT SO MUCH TIME GETTING TO EVEN THE SIXTH IS MAKING SURE
12 THAT AFTER EACH ATTEMPT, WE LOOK AT, AS MR. BOWMAN SAID, WHAT
13 DO WE KNOW ABOUT THIS? WHAT MORE INFORMATION DO WE HAVE? AND
14 MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT WE ALSO HAD TO ENCOUNTER IS STRONG WINDS
15 IN THAT AREA. WE ARE VERY MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT WE DON'T
16 WANT TO BE DOWNWIND OF THE WINDS WHEN OUR EMPLOYEES OR
17 CONTRACTORS ARE WORKING. SO WE'VE GONE THROUGH THE SIX.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING
20 THERE?

21

22 **JIMMY CHO:** THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LIVING THERE IN TERMS OF AN
23 IMMEDIATE DANGER?

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE STRONG WINDS.
2 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYEES BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE
3 IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD?

4

5 **JIMMY CHO:** YES. THE PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WE'LL COME TO
6 DISCUSS THE MERCAPTAN AND THE IMPACTS WITH MS. WRIGHT IN A
7 SECOND. BUT WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO CONVEY TO YOU, AS I SAID
8 LAST TIME, OUR FIRST AND FOREMOST PRIORITY IS SAFETY OF THE
9 PUBLIC, THE WORKERS AND OUR EMPLOYEES AT THE SITE. I ALSO, IF
10 YOU WOULD ALLOW ME, WANT TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING
11 SINCE WE WERE LAST HERE. FOR ACTUALLY SEVERAL WEEKS WE'VE BEEN
12 TURNING ON THE WELLS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY. ONE OF THE
13 THINGS THAT WE'RE FIGHTING IS PRESSURE, LITERALLY GAS
14 PRESSURE. THE MORE IT REDUCES, THE MORE IT'S TO OUR ADVANTAGE
15 BECAUSE LESS GAS IS TRYING TO COME UP AND THE FLOW ACTUALLY
16 GETS REDUCED. SO WE'VE HAD THE GAS ON WITHDRAWAL. AND PUTTING
17 THAT GAS INTO GOOD USE INTO SERVICE, INTO OUR SYSTEM FOR
18 DISTRIBUTION TO THE CUSTOMERS, TO THE EXTENT THAT THE
19 CAPACITY'S THERE. WHAT WE ALSO PLAN TO DO THIS WEEK IS
20 ACTUALLY CONNECT THE WELL ITSELF, THE TUBING, THE 3-INCH I
21 DESCRIBED, TO OUR WITHDRAWAL SYSTEM, OUR GATHERING PLANT TO
22 ALSO TAKE THAT GAS AND PUT IT INTO USE. WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT
23 AS OF NOW BECAUSE OF THE WELL KILL ATTEMPTS. BUT WE WANT TO
24 START DRAWING SOME OF THAT ENERGY AND GAS AND PRESSURE AND
25 TAKE IT OFF THE WELL. WE'RE ALSO ENLISTING TOP ENGINEERING

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1 FIRMS TO SEE ARE THERE WAYS TO SOMEHOW CAPTURE THE OTHER GAS,
2 NOT THE ONES FROM THE TUBING BUT FROM THE SURROUNDING SOIL? IS
3 THERE A WAY TO MITIGATE THAT, CAPTURE THAT AND MITIGATE THAT?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE QUESTION IS, WHY DON'T YOU HAVE
6 PROTOCOLS WHAT TO DO IN THE CASE OF EMERGENCY, IN CASE OF A
7 LEAK SO YOU AUTOMATICALLY GO TO PROTOCOL 1, PROTOCOL 2, ET
8 CETERA? INSTEAD OF NOW SAYING WELL PERHAPS WE'RE GOING TO DO
9 THIS, WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT, AFTER WHAT, 37, 38 DAYS?

10

11 **JIMMY CHO:** THE SEQUENCE OF THE WELL KILLS AND ATTEMPTS TO STOP
12 THE LEAK ACTUALLY ARE WITHIN THE INDUSTRY STANDARDS AND
13 PROTOCOL IN TERMS OF LOOKING TO SEE WHAT'S MORE AGGRESSIVE
14 EACH STEP. PART OF WHAT WE REALIZE IS EACH MORE AGGRESSIVE
15 STEP LIMITS OUR OPTIONS FOR OTHER ACTIONS. SO AS AN EXAMPLE,
16 WE'VE BEEN ASKED, "WHY DIDN'T YOU GO AHEAD AND CEMENT THIS
17 WELL ON DAY ONE? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST POUR CEMENT DOWN?" AND
18 THE REASON WHY IS, CEMENTING IS A FINISHING, FINAL STEP. IF WE
19 WOULD HAVE PUT CEMENT DOWN ON DAY ONE AND IT DIDN'T SOLVE THE
20 PROBLEM, WE WOULD HAVE A SITUATION WHERE THERE WOULD BE
21 OBSTRUCTIONS AND WE WOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE WELL TO DO
22 THE WORK. SO IT'S A VERY SEQUENTIAL PROCESS OF MORE AGGRESSIVE
23 MEASURES, AND THEN TO SEE IF THAT SOLVES THE PROBLEM AND MOVE
24 ON TO THE NEXT ONE. AT THIS POINT, AS WE MENTIONED LAST TIME,
25 THE RELIEF WELL HAS BEEN IN PROCESS FOR A FEW WEEKS. WE PLAN

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1 TO START DRILLING THIS WEEK WITH THE RELIEF WELL. AND THE IDEA
2 OF THE RELIEF WELL IS IT WILL GO DOWN, INTERCEPT THE S.S.25
3 WELL AT A DEPTH OF 8,000 PLUS FEET AND USE THE RELIEF WELL TO
4 BE THE SOURCE OF HOW WE INJECT THE FLUIDS AND THE CEMENT
5 NECESSARY TO PERMANENTLY ABANDON THIS S.S.25 WELL. WE HAVE NO
6 INTENTIONS OF TRYING TO SALVAGE OR REUSE S.S.25. WE ARE GOING
7 TO PERMANENTLY CAP IT AND SEAL IT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** DOES IT EVER GET TO THE POINT WHERE
10 YOU HAVE TO CLOSE THE ENTIRE SITE?

11

12 **JIMMY CHO:** AT THIS POINT, THAT IS NOT THE CASE. I DON'T
13 FORESEE THAT AT ALL, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WOULD THAT EVER COME INTO THE
16 EQUATION?

17

18 **JIMMY CHO:** I DON'T FORESEE THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IT'S CORRECTABLE?

21

22 **JIMMY CHO:** YES. OUR NUMBER ONE TASK IS TO STOP THE LEAK AND TO
23 CAP THIS SOURCE.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ANY QUESTIONS? OKAY. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH. THANK YOU. SO ORDERED.

3

4 **GILLIAN WRIGHT:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **JIMMY CHO:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NEXT ITEM. ITEM 6, 16 AND 68.

9 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. ITEM NO. 6, WE HAVE ARNOLD

10 SACHS AND WAYNE SPINDLER.

11

12 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** MR. MAYOR ON ITEM

13 16, 68 AND--

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'LL TAKE THEM ALL AT THE SAME TIME

16 AND YES.

17

18 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** OH. THE TIME WHEN WE TAKE EVERYTHING TOGETHER.

19 SO LET'S SEE HERE. WE HAVE THIS LIVING WAGE. AND YOU KEEP

20 SCREWING AROUND WITH THE MARKET AND IMPLEMENTING THESE WAGE

21 INCREASES. WHAT YOU FIND IS IGNORES THE FACT OF OUTSOURCING

22 AND THAT WE HAVE BILLIONS OF SLAVE LABORERS OVER IN ASIA AND

23 AFRICA AND THEY MAKE MORE TRADE AGREEMENTS SO THAT THE SLAVE

24 LABORERS CAN CONTINUE TO WORK, MANUFACTURE AND LIVE IN SLAVERY

25 PRODUCING THE GOODS AND SERVICES LIKE MY TRUSTY \$89-- WHICH

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1 WAS \$300 BUT THEY SOLD IT FOR \$89 THIS LOVELY TABLET. BECAUSE
2 IF YOU WERE TO MAKE THIS IN THE UNITED STATES WITH AMERICAN
3 WORKERS, IT WOULD COST \$1,000 BUT BECAUSE IT'S MADE WITH SLAVE
4 LABORERS IN CHINA WHO ARE BEATEN IF THEY SO MUCH AS SAY A
5 WORD, SIMILAR TO THE WAY CHARLIE BECK AND THE L.A.P.D. DO THE
6 BUSINESS, THEN THEY JUST GET REPLACED WITH ANOTHER WORKER.
7 BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE A BILLION PEOPLE LIVING IN A COMMUNIST
8 COUNTRY RUN BY TOTALITARIAN RULE, YOU CAN MAKE THOUSAND DOLLAR
9 ITEMS FOR UNDER \$100 AND STILL SELL IT FOR \$89 AND STILL MAKE
10 A PROFIT. THAT'S WHAT YOU GUYS DON'T SEE WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
11 YOU'RE PRICING LABOR OUT OF ITS OWN MARKET WITH WHAT YOU'RE
12 DOING AND YOU'RE FAILING TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE JOBS WILL
13 MOVE, INITIALLY OUT OF THE CITY, OUT OF THE COUNTY AND THEN
14 OUT OF THE STATE AND THEN THE NEXT STATE AND THEN EVENTUALLY
15 OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THAT'S WHY BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA MAKES ALL
16 THESE TRADE DEALS, BECAUSE HE'S NOT-- THESE CORPORATION
17 S.O.B.S ARE NOT GOING TO PAY A LIVING WAGE. THEY ARE GOING TO
18 PAY SLAVE LABORERS AND THEY'RE GOING TO OUTSOURCE EVERYTHING
19 AND EVENTUALLY EVEN THIS BODY'S WORK WILL ALL BE OUTSOURCED.
20 THERE WILL BE NO MORE NEED FOR ANY OF THESE STAFF MAKING THESE
21 SIX SALARY FIGURES. IT'LL BE DONE IN INDIA.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS.

24

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
2 THAT COULD BE ALL WELL AND GOOD. BUT ACTUALLY THESE ITEMS
3 REFER TO GOVERNMENT WORKERS, SPECIFICALLY COUNTY WORKERS.
4 PROPOSITION A CONTRACT CAFETERIA SERVICE WORKERS. AND I DID
5 MENTION EARLIER HOW YOU'RE OUTSOURCING FOR THE MAINTENANCE
6 WORK ON-- BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF THOSE PEOPLE WILL BE INCLUDED
7 BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT CONTRACT WORKERS-- ARE THEY CONTRACT
8 WORKERS? ARE THEY PROPOSITION A WORKERS? THEY'RE CERTAINLY NOT
9 CAFETERIA WORKERS. BUT MORE DIRECTLY TO THIS SUBJECT. AGAIN,
10 COMING BACK TO THE IN HOME CARE WORKERS, WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF--
11 WHAT WAS THE WORD? YOU HAD EXCEPTIONS, EXCEPT THERE ARE NO
12 EXCEPTION TO THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE IN THE COUNTY EXCEPT
13 FOR THE COUNTY'S IN HOME CARE WORKERS WHO ARE PAID NOT FROM
14 THE COUNTY BUT BY THE COMMISSION. SO THEY'RE NOT UNION
15 WORKERS, BECAUSE UNION WORKERS FOR THE COUNTY WHO WILL BE
16 MAKING \$15. AND THEY'RE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE LIVING WAGE
17 ORDINANCE BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT CONTRACT WORKERS. CONTRACT
18 WORKERS WILL BE PAID \$13 AS A LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE. BUT AS WE
19 KNOW FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THEY'RE ON OUR ROAD. BUT THOSE
20 PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE ROAD TO \$15 ARE ACTUALLY FROM SAN
21 BERNARDINO. SO MAYBE THAT'S THE INTERSTATE 10, THAT'S THE ROAD
22 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. BUT HOW DO YOU PASS LEGISLATION THAT
23 INCLUDES NO EXCLUSIONS EXCEPT EXCLUDING COUNTY WORKERS? WELL,
24 THEY'RE NOT COUNTY WORKERS, EXCUSE ME. BECAUSE THEY'RE OUTSIDE
25 THE NORM. THEY'RE OUTSIDE THE PARAMETERS OF WHAT YOU DEEM AS

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1 COUNTY WORKERS BUT YOU'RE SURE MAKING MONEY ON THEM. YOU ARE
2 SURE MAKING LOTS OF MONEY ON THEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE BOARD'S PROPOSED ACTION TODAY ON THESE
8 THREE ITEMS WILL CAUSE THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE TO BE AMENDED
9 TO REQUIRE A WAGE INCREASE TO \$13.25 PER HOUR FROM THE CURRENT
10 WAGE OF \$11.84 PER HOUR. NOW, I THINK IT SHOULD BE STATED THAT
11 IN A SERIES OF ACTIONS TAKEN EARLIER THIS YEAR, IN JULY TO BE
12 PRECISE, THIS BOARD SIGNALLED THAT IT PLANNED TO DO ITS PART TO
13 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF INCOME INEQUALITY AS WELL AS WAGE
14 STAGNATION THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THUS, THOSE
15 ACTIONS WE TOOK ARE A MATTER OF PUBLIC RECORD. THE I.H.S.S.
16 WAGE, THE MINIMUM WAGE, THE MATTER OF LIVING WAGE. AND THEN,
17 FINALLY, THAT OF WAGE THEFT ITSELF. VARIOUS PROPOSERS OF THOSE
18 MOTIONS, THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD CLEARLY SPOKE. SO THESE
19 ACTIONS TODAY AND THOSE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LIVING WAGE
20 ORDINANCE REFLECT THE LATEST INSTALLMENT OF THAT COMMITMENT.
21 IT CLARIFIES THE MATTERS BEFORE US. SO SINCE THE ADOPTION OF
22 THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE IN 1999, THE RATE HAS ONLY INCREASED
23 ONCE. AND THAT WAS IN 2007. NOTED EXPERTS HAVE RIGHTLY
24 RECOGNIZED THAT THE WIDENING GAP BETWEEN THE WEALTHY AND THE
25 POOR IN THIS COUNTRY AFFECTS CRIME RATES, HEALTH OUTCOMES AND

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1 LEADS TO A RANGE OF SOCIAL ILLS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS
2 FAMILY DYSFUNCTION. THE ORDINANCE BEFORE US TODAY WILL NOT
3 ONLY ALLOW FOR AN INCREASED WAGE BUT, IN FACT, PUTS IN PLACE A
4 MECHANISM FOR SCHEDULED INCREASES TO THE LIVING WAGE THAT
5 SHOULD PREVENT FURTHER STAGNATION. I WANT TO ASSERT THIS
6 COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT ITS CONTRACT EMPLOYEES
7 ARE COMPENSATED AT A LIVING WAGE THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE THEIR
8 RELIANCE ON SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH BENEFITS, THAT WE DO
9 NOT ESSENTIALLY COMPOUND AN ALREADY DIRE SITUATION. THIS IS
10 PRUDENT. IT IS FAIR. IT IS JUST. THEREFORE, I APPEAL TO YOU
11 FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THESE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US. MR.
12 MAYOR?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS SECONDS THE
15 MOTION. LET ME ASK THE QUESTION. THIS IS TO THE C.E.O. THIS IS
16 TO GIVE AN AUTOMATIC COST OF LIVING EACH YEAR?

17

18 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND DOES THE COUNTY HAVE THAT SAME
21 POLICY FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES?

22

23 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** FOR THE COST OF LIVING?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

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1

2 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** WE DO.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** FOR EACH YEAR?

5

6 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** FOR EACH YEAR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THERE WERE FOUR YEARS WHERE THE
9 COUNTY DID NOT ISSUE THAT COST OF LIVING INCREASE.

10

11 **C.E.O. SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. BUT I THINK WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
12 ABOUT, THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR OUR EMPLOYEES VERSUS
13 FOR THE PROP A?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. WHAT I'M SAYING IS THIS BUILDS IN
16 AN ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE. OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES DO NOT
17 HAVE AN ANNUAL COST OF LIVING INCREASE. THAT HAS TO BE
18 APPROVED EACH YEAR. AND THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES WHEN THERE HAS
19 NOT BEEN AN INCREASE BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAT
20 WOULD HAVE RESULTED IN SEVERE BUDGET DEFICITS WHICH WE'RE NOT
21 ALLOWED TO HAVE.

22

23 **SIDNEY KIKKAWA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR. SID KIKKAWA WITH
24 THE C.E.O. YES, THE CURRENT LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE AS IT IS
25 WRITTEN HAS A BUILT-IN COST OF LIVING AFTER THE FOURTH YEAR.

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1 AS YOU WELL KNOW, WE NEGOTIATE WITH OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES FOR
2 ANY COST OF WAGE LIVING INCREASE EVERY YEAR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** RIGHT. BUT FOR THE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES
5 THIS WOULD BUILD IN A COST OF LIVING REGARDLESS?

6

7 **SIDNEY KIKKAWA:** AFTER THE FOURTH YEAR OF THE CONTRACT, THAT IS
8 CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHICH OUR EMPLOYEES DON'T HAVE THAT?

11

12 **SIDNEY KIKKAWA:** THEY HAVE NO SUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. WE'RE MAKING
15 OBSTACLES FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO OPERATE IN WHEREAS THE
16 PUBLIC SECTOR DOES NOT HAVE THAT OBSTACLE. AS A RESULT, WE
17 HAVE TO BASE OUR BUDGET EACH YEAR ON THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT
18 AND WE'RE TELLING THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT YOU HAVE TO DO THE
19 INCREASE EVEN IF THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WAS IN SERIOUS
20 TROUBLE.

21

22 **SIDNEY KIKKAWA:** ONCE AGAIN THE BASIS FOR THAT IS A C.P.I.,
23 WHICH IS THE CONSUMER COST OF LIVING INCREASE THAT'S ACTUALLY
24 GENERATED BY--

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BUT THE COUNTY DOES NOT ISSUE THAT
2 SAME COST OF LIVING INCREASE TO THEIR OWN EMPLOYEES. SO I'M
3 SAYING THAT WE'RE BEING INCONSISTENT.

4

5 **SIDNEY KIKKAWA:** THERE IS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ISSUE THAT'S--

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ABSOLUTELY THERE'S COLLECTIVE
8 BARGAINING, BUT THE PRIVATE CONTRACTORS ARE BEING BEHOLDEN BY
9 A FIAT, BY A GOVERNMENT MANDATE THAT THEY HAVE TO DO THE
10 INCREASE EVEN IF THE ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT WOULD PRECLUDE THEM
11 FROM DOING THE JOB THAT THEY'RE DOING BECAUSE OF THIS
12 GOVERNMENT REGULATION, A REGULATION THAT'S NOT BEING APPLIED
13 TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN EMPLOYEES.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR IF I MAY?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK WE HAVE A DISCUSSION HERE THAT'S
20 COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES. THESE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES ARE NOT
21 TREATED IN THE SAME WAY AS OUR REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES WHO
22 BENEFIT FROM COST OF LIVING AND THEN STEP INCREASES AND OTHER
23 CONSIDERATIONS THAT ARE AFFORDED. AND SO I DO THINK YOUR POINT
24 IS WELL TAKEN THAT THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT HAPPENING IN
25 THIS INSTANCE. BUT IT IS IN NO WAY TO BE PROPERLY INTERPRETED

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1 AS DISADVANTAGING OUR OWN EMPLOYEES. THIS IS ESSENTIALLY AIMED
2 AT MAKING SURE THAT WE DO NOT FIND OURSELVES IN THE
3 CIRCUMSTANCE THAT WE ARE CURRENTLY IN, THAT IS, WAITING A
4 DECADE PLUS BEFORE THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN OUR EMPLOY BY
5 WAY OF CONTRACT, NAMELY PROP A, WE DO NOT WANT TO BE
6 ASSOCIATED, I DON'T BELIEVE, MR. MAYOR, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF
7 THE BOARD, WITH ESSENTIALLY HAVING THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND
8 SUBSTANDARD WAGE CIRCUMSTANCES. WE TALK ABOUT WAGE STAGNATION
9 AND INEQUALITY IN COMPENSATION. AND THEREFORE, MR. MAYOR, I DO
10 BELIEVE THAT THIS PROPOSAL AS IT IS BEING CONSIDERED IS
11 APPROPRIATE. IT IS CERTAINLY THE WILL OF THE BOARD AT ANY
12 GIVEN TIME TO ADJUST, AMEND OR RESCIND. BUT AS FOR NOW, I
13 THINK WE ARE PROPERLY POSITIONED WITH RESPECT TO THESE
14 CONTRACT EMPLOYEES, WHICH IN EFFECT IS ROUGHLY 4,000
15 INDIVIDUALS AS OPPOSED TO OR AS COMPARED TO THE 100,000
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE EMPLOYED AS REPRESENTED IN RESPECTIVE
17 BARGAINING UNITS. AGAIN, I WISH TO SAY THAT THE COMPARISON
18 THAT IS APPLES TO ORANGES RATHER THAN SIMILARLY SITUATED
19 CIRCUMSTANCES.

20
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. SO CALL THE ROLL.

22
23 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 6?
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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1 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

2

3 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
4 THOMAS.

5

6 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

7

8 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

9

10 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

11

12 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH.

14

15 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO. ITEM NUMBER 7? 1-H AND 7.

16

17 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: SO 6 ESSENTIALLY SUBSUMES 16?

18

19 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: EXCUSE ME. I ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL TO
20 DO. YOU'RE RIGHT.

21

22 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: WELL LET'S RE-VISIT THAT, THEN.

23

24 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NOW COUNTY COUNSEL HAS TO.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WHAT IS YOUR
2 PLEASURE, MR. MAYOR, OR COUNTY COUNSEL?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YOUR MICROPHONE IS NOT ON.

5

6 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IF WE COULD JUST TABLE NO. 6 FOR A
7 MINUTE SO WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THE-- MIRRORS IT?

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** DO WE HAVE TO RESCIND THE VOTE, THEN?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. THEY ARE GOING TO TABLE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM NO. 7, I HAD HELD IT BECAUSE IT
14 WAS NOT CLEAR IN THE REPORT BACK WHERE THE \$425,000 WAS GOING
15 TO BE COMING FROM. IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE GENERAL FUND,
16 COUNTY FUNDING IN AN UNFUNDED MANDATE BY THE FEDERAL
17 GOVERNMENT FROM THE GENERAL FUND IS A SERIOUS ASSAULT ON OUR
18 BUDGET. THE BOARD HAS VOTED TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING
19 FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, HOMELESS PREVENTION AND OTHER
20 PROGRAMS. THOSE FUNDED ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE USED TO FUND THE
21 SOLUTION FOR SOUTH SCATTERED SITES AND NOT THE GENERAL FUND.
22 SO AGAIN THE BOARD'S FUNDING THAT WE HAVE DONE FOR AFFORDABLE
23 HOUSING SHOULD COME FROM THOSE SITES, FROM THOSE FUNDING
24 APPROPRIATIONS AND NOT FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, WITH YOUR PERMISSION?

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'D LIKE TO JUST BRIEFLY THANK THE HOUSING
6 AUTHORITY FOR THEIR WORK ON THE MATTER BEFORE US FROM SOUTH
7 COUNTY FAMILY SITES. AS YOU KNOW, THE AUTHORITY HAS BEEN
8 LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE OF HOW TO SUSTAIN THESE SITES FOR
9 SOMETIME. AND FOR ME, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, THE BOTTOM
10 LINE IS THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A REGION-WIDE HOUSING
11 AFFORDABILITY CRISIS. THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO DISPOSE OF 241
12 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
13 ANGELES. AS IS INDICATED IN THE MOTION, I BELIEVE WE MUST
14 AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL SUBSIDY TO MAKE THESE
15 UNITS COST NEUTRAL TO THE COUNTY. HOWEVER, IN THE INTERIM, WE
16 CAN BETTER UTILIZE THESE PROPERTIES TO HELP OUR-- HELP DEAL
17 WITH, HELP ADDRESS, HELP CONFRONT OUR HOMELESS CRISIS. I THINK
18 WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO THAT. AND WE HAVE ESSENTIALLY A
19 MANDATE TO DO THAT. 50 OF THE UNITS BECOME AVAILABLE EACH
20 YEAR. AND WE NEED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. THEY ARE MULTI-
21 FAMILY UNITS. AND MY MOTION DIRECTS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO
22 MAKE THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES TO ENSURE THAT
23 HOMELESS FAMILIES AND VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ARE
24 PRIORITIZED FOR THESE UNITS WHEN THEY ARE TURNED OVER. THIS IS
25 CONSISTENT WITH OUR VALUES AND OUR POLICIES. AND I'M SIMPLY

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1 ASKING THAT THE C.E.O. WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING
2 AUTHORITY TO VET THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL DEFICITS AND COME
3 UP WITH A PLAN TO ADDRESS IT. IN MAKING THESE UNITS AVAILABLE
4 TO HOMELESS FAMILIES COULD MAKE A SMALL BUT MEANINGFUL
5 CONTRIBUTION IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS AND OUR
6 STRUGGLE TO ACCORD RESPECT AND DIGNITY TO PERSONS WHO ARE
7 IMPOVERISHED. AND I'D APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S SUPPORT FOR THIS
8 DIRECTION. WE HAVE PERSONS REPRESENTING THE AUTHORITY AS WELL
9 AS THE C.D.C. AND THEY SHOULD COME FORWARD AND ANSWER THE
10 MAYOR'S QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME. SIR? GENTLEMEN? DON'T BE
11 RELUCTANT. DON'T BE BASHFUL. COME FORWARD, THE PARTY IS FINE.
12 YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK AND YOUR SERIAL NUMBER, PLEASE.

13

14 **SEAN ROGAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SEAN
15 ROGAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND HOUSING AUTHORITY.

17

18 **EMILIO SALAS:** EMILIO SALAS, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
19 HOUSING AUTHORITY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IN YOUR REPORT BACK, ARE YOU
22 INDICATING THAT THE ONLY FUNDS AVAILABLE IS FROM THE GENERAL
23 FUND?

24

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1 **SEAN ROGAN:** THE ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION IS THERE ARE NOT
2 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER THE OPERATING
3 SUBSIDY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THE QUESTION IS, ARE YOU SAYING THE
6 MONEY SHOULD COME FROM THE GENERAL FUND?

7

8 **SEAN ROGAN:** IT'S NOT A SIMPLE QUESTION TO ANSWER AS THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THEN AN AMENDMENT TO PRECLUDE THESE
11 FUNDS COMING FROM THE GENERAL FUND WOULD BE APPROPRIATE?

12

13 **SEAN ROGAN:** NO, I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. I
14 THINK WHAT THE ASK IS HERE AS PART OF THE MOTION IS AS WE
15 LOOKED AT A PREVIOUS STRATEGY WHICH INCLUDED THE R.A.D.
16 PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM,
17 THE DISPOSITION STRATEGY, THE DIRECTION AT THAT POINT IN TIME
18 WAS TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT, WHICH WE DID BACK IN MAY,
19 TALKING ABOUT THE PROS AND CONS OF THAT REPORT. WE WERE THEN
20 ASKED TO LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES, AND ONE OF THOSE INCLUDED THE
21 POTENTIAL ASK FOR THE COUNTY TO FUND THAT DEFICIT SO THAT
22 THESE PROPERTIES COULD BE RETAINED AS PUBLIC HOUSING. THE
23 ADDITIONAL BENEFIT IS THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR A HOMELESS
24 PREFERENCE SO THAT UPON TURNOVER, THESE FAMILY UNITS COULD
25 THEN BE UTILIZED TO PROVIDE HOUSING TO THE HOMELESS. AND AS WE

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1 KNOW, WE HAVE A 3 PERCENT VACANCY RATE IN L.A. COUNTY RIGHT
2 NOW. THERE'S AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS.
3 AND WE THOUGHT THAT THIS WAS A WIN/WIN STRATEGY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AND WE JUST RECENTLY SPENT QUITE A FEW
6 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON PROGRAMS FOR THE HOMELESS, RIGHT?

7

8 **SEAN ROGAN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHY CAN'T WE USE THOSE FUNDS FOR THIS
11 PROJECT?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IF I MAY, MR. MAYOR, THE MOTION AT POINT 3
14 IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTIVES, CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO
15 PRECISELY THAT BY ASKING THE C.E.O. TO WORK WITH THE DIRECTOR
16 OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO FIND AN ONGOING SOURCE OF FUNDING.
17 AND SO THAT'S ON THE TABLE AS WELL AS ANY OTHER OPTION THAT
18 MAY BE PURSUED.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE SHOULD BE USING THOSE FUNDS
21 AUTOMATICALLY IF WE APPROVED THEM A FEW WEEKS AGO TO ADDRESS
22 THIS TYPE OF A PROBLEM. BUT OPENING THE DOOR TO HAVING THE
23 GENERAL FUND SUBSIDIZE AN UNFUNDED FEDERAL MANDATE LEAVES THE
24 BUDGET VULNERABLE TO OTHER TYPES OF ATTACKS SO THAT IT WILL
25 AFFECT OTHER PUBLIC SERVICES THAT WE HAVE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY

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1 FOR BUT HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO FUND TO THE MAXIMUM THAT WE
2 OUGHT TO BE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THIS IS IS \$425,000 IN TERMS OF ANNUAL
5 OPERATION DOLLARS. A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS. THE FIRST OF
6 WHICH IS WE HAVE A CRISIS THAT I KNOW THAT ALL OF US ARE
7 CONCERNED ABOUT. IF WE CAN WORK OUR WAY THROUGH THAT CRISIS
8 FOR \$425,000, I THINK REASONABLE MINDS WOULD SAY THAT'S A
9 BARGAIN THAT WE CAN'T TURN AWAY FROM. THE OTHER POINT THAT I
10 WOULD MAKE IS IF THESE WERE FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT DOLLARS, IT
11 WOULD SEEM TO ME IT WOULD BE WORTHY OF OUR BEING A BIT
12 UNCOMFORTABLE. BUT THIS IS A WAY TO ACKNOWLEDGE VICTIMS OF
13 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. IT IS A WAY FOR US TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION
14 OF HOMELESSNESS, BOTH OF WHICH ARE PRIORITIES FOR US, AND IT'S
15 FOR RELATIVELY SMALL SUM OF MONEY. ANOTHER CONTEXT, MR. MAYOR,
16 THIS WOULD BE REFERRED TO, AS SID HAS SAID IN OTHER INSTANCES,
17 SO I'LL ATTRIBUTE IT TO HIM, BUDGET DUST.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** MR. MAYOR?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I JUST WANT TO ADD. I KNOW THE URGENCY OF
24 THE MOTION THAT MY COLLEAGUE IS PUTTING FORWARD. I THINK ONE
25 OF THE THINGS THAT WE SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION MOVING

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1 FORWARD IS, THIS MAY COME UP IN SOME OF OUR DISTRICTS AND I
2 EXPECT IT MIGHT IN MINE SHORTLY IN SOME WAY. AND I WOULD HOPE
3 THAT IF WE ARE GOING TO GO DOWN THIS ROUTE, THAT WE SET SOME
4 STRICT CRITERIA. OR AT LEAST SAY THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO DO
5 THIS, IT'S GOING TO BE FOR VETERANS AND ALL THOSE THINGS THAT
6 WE'VE ALREADY VOTED ON IN PRIOR MEETINGS. BUT I DON'T KNOW
7 THAT WE REALLY HAVE ANYTHING IN WRITING THAT ACTUALLY WILL
8 GUIDE US. SO I WOULD WANT TO ASK FOR HELP ON THAT, PERHAPS
9 LOOKING BACK AT HOW WE CAN CREATE THAT CRITERIA AND ASK THE
10 C.E.O. AND OUR OFFICES TO DO THAT BECAUSE THIS WILL COME UP.
11 AND I'M SUPPORTIVE, AND I THINK WE ALL AGREE WE HAVE TO DEAL
12 THIS CRISIS, BUT WE SHOULD DO IT IN A MANNER THAT WE OBVIOUSLY
13 UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S AN URGENCY. AND IF I RECALL, THERE
14 WERE SOME INDIVIDUALS FROM I THINK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
15 DISTRICT THAT CAME OUT AND WERE VERY ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO US
16 GETTING RID OF THIS STOCK OF HOUSING AND A CONGRESSIONAL
17 MEMBER, IF I RECALL, THAT ALSO SENT A LETTER.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET'S NOT GET CARRIED AWAY HERE

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** I'M JUST REMINDED BY THAT, THOUGH. I JUST
22 WANT TO BE ON RECORD. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

25

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1 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT AS WE'RE
2 LOOKING AT OVERALL, AT THE ISSUE OF THE HUGE NUMBER OF
3 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY. AND TRYING TO FIND A LOT OF
4 DIFFERENT WAYS TO GET PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. AND
5 ACTUALLY THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US WERE WE TO TAKE
6 ADVANTAGE OF IT. AND I DO SUPPORT IT BECAUSE THE COST-PER-UNIT
7 IS ACTUALLY LOWER THAN RAPID REHOUSING THAT WE'VE PUT OUR \$15
8 MILLION TO A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO. NOT THAT IT MAKES IT A
9 BARGAIN. AND IT DOES MEAN THAT WE DO NEED TO FIND THE MONEY,
10 BUT I THINK THE MOTION SIMPLY SAYS TO THE C.E.O., SEE WHAT
11 OPTIONS YOU CAN SUGGEST TO US FOR THIS LOW AMOUNT OF ONGOING
12 MONEY. AND IN A DIFFERENT WAY, WHAT OPTIONS WE MIGHT FIND FOR
13 BRINGING THIS HOUSING UP TO A MORE HABITABLE STATE. BUT
14 OVERALL IT'S CHEAPER THAN WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IN TERMS OF
15 BUILDING OR BUYING OR EVEN REFURBISHING IN OTHER AREAS. SO I
16 THINK THAT IT BEHOOVES US. THIS IS 241 UNITS. I MEAN THAT'S A
17 LARGE AMOUNT. AND I THINK NO MATTER WHERE IT'S LOCATED,
18 BECAUSE WE HAVE HOMELESS IN THE HILLS IN MY AREA WHO GREW UP
19 IN THE SECOND AND THE FIRST, THEY WOULD BE VERY HAPPY TO FIND
20 A PLACE POTENTIALLY. SO I THINK THIS FITS IN VERY WELL WITH
21 US. I ALSO SPOKE WITH THE C.E.O. YESTERDAY AS SHE MADE HER
22 ROUNDS TO ASK FOR A SOMEWHAT MORE RIGOROUS EFFORT TO IDENTIFY
23 ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AND STATE MONEY BECAUSE WHERE PUBLIC
24 HOUSING, WHICH IS WHAT THIS IS NOW, IS REALLY LOW ON THE TOTEM
25 POLE FOR THE FEDS AND THE STATE, HOMELESSNESS IS NOW NOT SO

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1 LOW ON THE TOTEM POLE. PEOPLE ARE THINKING ABOUT IT. PEOPLE
2 ARE PUTTING RESOURCES TO IT, NOT THE FEDS SO MUCH BECAUSE
3 CONGRESS HAS BEEN VERY HARD ON H.U.D. BUT I THINK THERE MAY BE
4 MONEY WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HERE. AND IT'S NOT EXACTLY A
5 BARGAIN, BUT IT'S CHEAPER THAN PER UNIT, THAN WHAT WE WERE
6 LOOKING AT DOING IN SOME OTHER AREAS. AND I THINK THAT MAKES
7 IT VERY ATTRACTIVE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.
10 ERIC PREVEN. STEVE DIAZ. ARNOLD SACHS. WAYNE SPINDLER.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IT'S
13 ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THIS IS A TOUGH ISSUE,
14 OBVIOUSLY. AND I THINK WE SHOULD FIND A WAY TO REFURBISH
15 THESE. IT'S \$425,000. WE GAVE A \$400,000-- BEFORE YOU FINISH
16 CHUCKLING, SIR-- A \$400,000 INCREASE TO CYPRUS SECURITY AT
17 ITEM 37, APROPOS OF NOTHING. IT'S LITERALLY A VARIOUS PUBLIC
18 WORKS PROJECT, INCREASE IT FROM 1.5 TO ALMOST \$2 MILLION A
19 YEAR. I MEAN, I FEEL LIKE THE PRIORITIES NEED TO BE PLACED
20 FORWARD. NOW, IN ANOTHER ITEM, H.P.I., YOU HAVE \$240,000 GOING
21 INTO ROGAN'S GROUP TO HELP WITH RENTAL ASSISTANCE. IT DOES
22 SEEM LIKE A CONTAINABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY BUT I ADMIRE WHAT THE
23 MAYOR IS TRYING TO DO IN TERMS OF FINDING A WAY TO FUND IT.
24 BUT, YOU KNOW, I MEAN THIS IS A NO BRAINER. IT'S PUBLIC
25 HOUSING THAT IF WE GET RID OF IT, WE ARE GOING TO BE FACED

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1 WITH PUTTING THOSE FOLKS SOME PLACE ELSE AND THERE'S NO
2 CHEAPER ALTERNATIVE. BUT I THINK IT'S VERY RESPONSIBLE OF THE
3 MAYOR TO HOLD THE LINE. AND I THINK IT'S RESPONSIBLE OF SOLIS
4 TO ASK FOR SOME KIND OF A GUIDE BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE VERY-
5 - TRY TO REMEMBER WHEN OLD YAROSLAVSKY WAS IN THE ROOM, NOT
6 THAT THAT'S HALCYON DAYS FOR ME, BUT THERE WAS LESS
7 WILLINGNESS TO THROW MONEY OUT THE WINDOW AND PEOPLE ARE
8 WRITING ABOUT THAT. AND WE'RE NOT THROWING THIS OUT THE WINDOW
9 BY ANY STRETCH BUT WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS. AND WE HAVE TO
10 SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY MINIMIZING THE KINDS OF FATTEN 'EM UP
11 PROJECTS, I WAS DOING SO WELL, AND ALL OF A SUDDEN I TURNED, I
12 KNOW. BUT THE POINT IS THIS IS A SERIOUS MATTER. AND WE HAVE A
13 CRISIS, AN EMERGENCY, CALL IT WHATEVER YOU LIKE, WHICHEVER
14 MAYOR YOU GOT, DOESN'T MATTER. IT'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** I THINK THE WHOLE ISSUE IS IT'S ABOUT
18 \$425,000. IT'S ABOUT A DEFICIT. SO THE ITEM WAS HELD FOR ONE
19 REASON, NOT TO TAKE THE \$425,000 OUT OF AN UNFUNDED MANDATE.
20 BECAUSE THE COUNTY CANNOT FUND UNFUNDED MANDATES BECAUSE YOU
21 CAN'T PRINT YOUR OWN MONEY. I'M SURE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF
22 YEARS YOU'LL FIND A WAY TO PRINT YOUR OWN MONEY AND THAT WILL
23 BE GREAT BECAUSE THEN I'LL START PRINTING MY OWN MONEY AND
24 THEN WE'LL ALL HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO DO WHATEVER WE WANT. BUT
25 IN THE MEANWHILE, YOU HAVE THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER THAT SAYS

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1 THAT STATES AND FEDERAL AGENCIES HAVE TO BE SOLVENT AND THIS
2 \$425,000 MEANS YOU'RE NOT. SO YOU WANT TO PURSUE THE FEDERAL
3 RESOURCES. TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL YOU SECURE THE FEDERAL
4 SOURCES. ONCE YOU SECURE THE FEDERAL SOURCES, YOU ALLOCATE THE
5 MONEY AND SPEND IT. JUST BECAUSE IT FEELS GOOD, YOU HAVE A
6 FEEL GOOD ISSUE, IT'S ONLY \$425,000. WELL THEN IF IT'S ONLY
7 \$425,000, GIVE ME THE \$425,000. THAT WILL SETTLE ALL MY CLAIMS
8 AGAINST THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU WON'T DO IT BECAUSE IT'S
9 A LOT OF MONEY. YOU WOULDN'T JUST GIVE THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
10 \$425,000 TO SETTLE A LAWSUIT FOR AN ILLEGAL ARREST THAT THE
11 L.A. POLICE COMMISSION MADE, AND THE SAME THING GOES HERE.
12 IT'S NOT THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET. YOU HAVE TO BALANCE YOUR
13 BUDGET. AND YOU HAVE THESE UP AND DOWN ECONOMY ISSUES IN THE
14 NEXT FIVE YEARS. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER DOWNTURN,
15 BECAUSE WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE IS, WHOEVER THE NEXT
16 PRESIDENT IS WILL HAVE A STOCK MARKET CRASH AND WHEN THAT
17 HAPPENS, THEN \$425,000 IS GOING TO BE THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION.
18 SO GET THE FEDERAL MONEY. PUT IT IN THERE AND THEN FUND IT AND
19 THAT'S ALL THERE IS TOO IT. DON'T HAVE UNFUNDED MANDATES SO AT
20 THE END OF THE YEAR YOU HAVE THESE GAPS WHERE YOU HAVE TO TAKE
21 AWAY STUFF AT THE LAST MINUTE. AND I THINK IT WAS HELD FOR
22 THAT REASON AND A GOOD REASON.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS?

25

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD
2 SACHS. I DON'T KNOW, I MUST COME FROM A DIFFERENT PLANET. 241
3 UNITS IS A LOT OF UNITS. YOU HAVE 40,000 PEOPLE WAITING FOR
4 SECTION 8 HOUSING. AND THAT DOESN'T INCLUDE HOMELESS. SO 241
5 BEING A LOT OF UNITS? I DON'T KNOW. MY MATH IS TOTALLY
6 DIFFERENT. YOU'RE TAKING IN ANOTHER ITEM, 10 PERCENT FROM THE
7 HOMELESS PREVENTION INITIATIVE TO PAY FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FEES,
8 \$240,000 THERE, WHICH IS NOT QUITE \$400,000 BUT IT'S 10
9 PERCENT ADMINISTRATION FEE HERE, 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATION FEE
10 THERE, 10 PERCENT ADMINISTRATION FEE HERE, YOU GET \$600,000,
11 BOOM. AND THEN I GO BACK TO THIS ITEM THAT WAS ON YOUR AGENDA
12 FROM 2013, MARCH 5TH, THE \$75 MILLION TRANSFERRED TO THE
13 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT
14 AGENCIES. HOUSING WITH SET ASIDE ACCOUNTS TO CREATE AN
15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND WHICH SHALL BE DISBURSED YEARLY
16 FOR FIVE YEARS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHED AFFORDABLE HOUSING,
17 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABLE. \$15 MILLION. ALL I'M DOING IS
18 ASKING FOR AN EXPLANATION HOW THAT MONEY'S BEEN SPENT. YOU
19 HAVE GONE AHEAD WAN SAID WE'RE GOING TO GIVE \$100 MILLION BUT
20 WE DON'T KNOW SOME PEOPLE REPORTED IT AS 20 MILLION A YEAR TO
21 A TOTAL \$100 MILLION A YEAR. HOW IS IT? IS IT 20 MILLION EVERY
22 YEAR? IS IT 20 MILLION THE FIRST YEAR? 40 MILLION THE SECOND
23 YEAR? DOES IT GO UP TO 100, \$300 MILLION TOTAL OR IS IT \$100
24 MILLION TOTAL TOTAL? THAT'S THE UNETHICAL DISCUSSION THAT GOES
25 ON HERE ON A WEEKLY BASIS. THAT'S WHY I SHOW UP ON A WEEKLY

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1 BASIS, MR. SUPERVISOR. AND THEN LET'S NOT FORGET THIS ONE FROM
2 2013 IN JANUARY REGARDING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS. PER THE
3 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE OVER 156 MILLION
4 REVENUE FROM THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
7 THOMAS?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. THE MATTER IS BEFORE
10 US. I THINK THE DISCUSSION HAS BEEN SUFFICIENT SUCH THAT IT IS
11 CLARIFIED EVERYONE'S RESPECTIVE POINT OF VIEW. I TRUST THAT
12 ALL MEMBERS WOULD FEEL IT APPROPRIATE TO VOTE AYE IN MOVING
13 THIS FORWARD.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM 1-H AND 7. CALL THE ROLL.

16

17 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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21 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
22 THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

25

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1 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

2

3 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

4

5 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR

6 ANTONOVICH?

7

8 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO. SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

9

10 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MR. MAYOR, WITH YOUR? PERMISSION, IS IT

11 APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO READ IT OR YOU WANT TO GO BACK TO THE

12 ORIGINAL ITEM? GO AHEAD.

13

14 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: MR. MAYOR AND BOARD

15 MEMBERS, ITEM 6 PASSED AND NOW IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO TAKE

16 UP ITEM 16 AND 68 AS AMENDED.

17

18 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: SO MOVED. AS AMENDED.

19

20 SUP. ANTONOVICH: CALL THE ROLL.

21

22 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 SUP. HILDA SOLIS: AYE.

25

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1 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
2 THOMAS?

3

4 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

5

6 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

7

8 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

9

10 AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR
11 ANTONOVICH?

12

13 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: NO. SO ORDERED. OKAY, WE HAVE ONE ITEM
14 LEFT.

15

16 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: I HAVE AN ITEM TO READ IN. READ IN?

17

18 SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

19

20 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: MR. MAYOR, PERMIT ME TO READ THIS ITEM IN
21 AND WE WILL TAKE IT UP AT OUR MEETING ON DECEMBER 8TH. LET ME
22 JUST SAY, SINCE 2011, ALMOST 12 MILLION PEOPLE, WE RECOGNIZE
23 THAT IT WOULD BE HALF OF THE SYRIAN POPULATION AND GREATER
24 THAN THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY, HAVE BEEN FORCED TO
25 FLEE TO OTHER PARTS OF THAT REGION TO SEEK REFUGE IN

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1 NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. ACCORDING TO STATE DEPARTMENT DATA,
2 ALMOST SEVEN OUT OF EVERY TEN OF THESE REFUGEES, LITERALLY 67
3 PERCENT ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. BY LAW, PRESIDENT OBAMA'S
4 ADMINISTRATION CAN ADMIT SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 10,000 SYRIAN
5 REFUGEES IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND THESE ARE PERSONS WHO, I
6 NEEDN'T RESTATE, THE TRAUMA AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO WHICH
7 THEY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT WOULD BE
8 APPROPRIATE THAT WE DECLARE AND HONOR THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION
9 POLICIES OF THIS NATION AND WELCOME THOSE FLEEING FROM
10 PERSECUTION IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES TO ADJUST TO NEW PEACEFUL
11 AND PRODUCTIVE LIFE IN OUR REGION. THIS IS A MATTER OF SOME
12 SIGNIFICANCE. THIS IS AN EXPRESSION OF WHO WE ARE AND OUR
13 VALUES. I DON'T SEE THAT IT HARMS US. IT HELPS US, IT HEALS
14 US, TO COME FORWARD. IT IS A TIME HONORED TRADITION THAT WE
15 KNOW THAT WE'VE LIVED UP TO. NOW WE NEEDN'T BE UNNECESSARILY
16 DISCRIMINATORY ABOUT THOSE REFUGEES. THEY ARE SEEKING SAFETY
17 AND A BETTER LIFE. YOU READ ABOUT ONE SUCH CASE RECENTLY IN
18 OUR LOCAL NEWS. I WANT TO SAY THIS, THAT IT BE TAKEN UP MORE
19 FULLY NEXT WEEK, MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES. HISTORY TEACHES US
20 OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT THE ONLY ENEMY THAT WE NEED TO BE
21 CONCERNED ABOUT IS THE ENEMY WITHIN, AND THAT IS THE ENEMY OF
22 BIGOTRY, AND IT OUGHT TO BE REPLACED WITH A SENSE OF HUMANITY.
23 MR. MAYOR AND COLLEAGUES, I TRUST THAT WE'LL TAKE THIS MATTER
24 UP NEXT WEEK AND DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ITEM C.S.-1, C.S.-4 AND C.S.-5. MR.
2 SPINDLER?

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I SHOULD MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT
5 THAT WILL BE TAKEN UP BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MYSELF AS CO-
6 AUTHORS OF THE MOTION. THANK YOU.

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8 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** SO WE HAVE THE BEST PART OF THE MEETING, OF
9 COURSE, IS THE ONE WE DON'T GET TO SEE. ALL OF THESE CLOSED
10 SESSION ITEMS, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, DON'T
11 WE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW IF THESE DEPARTMENT HEADS ARE DOING
12 THEIR JOB OR NOT? IT'S IN CLOSED SESSION. SO WE DON'T KNOW
13 UNTIL ONE DAY WHEN SOME INMATE IS BEATEN HALF TO DEATH IN THE
14 JAIL AND THE CITY GETS SUED FOR \$4 MILLION. THEN WE KNOW THAT
15 SOMEBODY DIDN'T DO THEIR JOB. AND WE HAVE CONFERENCE WITH
16 LEGAL COUNSEL. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VERSUS THE COUNTY
17 OF LOS ANGELES. OOPS. I JUST SAID IT. VIOLATIONS IN THE COUNTY
18 JAILS. SEE, THREE WEEKS AGO TO THE DAY, I WAS JAILED IN
19 COOPERATION WITH CHIEF CHARLIE BUCK FOR ATTENDING A MEETING IN
20 A HALLWAY. AND I WAS HELD FOR 13-1/2 HOURS IN THE COUNTY L.A.
21 CITY METRO JAIL. AND MY ARM BAND DID SAY THE COUNTY OF LOS
22 ANGELES. IN THERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO CALL A REFEREE
23 WITHIN 2 TO 12 HOURS TO ASK FOR A REDUCTION IN YOUR BOND. THEY
24 NEVER GOT BACK TO ME, 10 HOURS LATER. AND THEY SAID ON THE
25 PAPER ON THE BACK THE ONLY THING YOU CAN GET IS YOU CAN CALL

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1 BACK BEFORE MIDNIGHT. YOU CALL, NOBODY ANSWERS THE PHONE. SO
2 NOBODY'S WATCHING THESE JAILS. THEY JUST TAKE YOU IN THERE FOR
3 ANY REASON. IN THIS CASE, I WAS A POLITICAL PRISONER. THAT'S
4 THE ONLY REASON I WAS TAKEN, WAS A POLITICAL PRISONER. IT WAS
5 ON TELEVISION WHEN I WAS ARRESTED. AND YOU'RE ABUSE IN THESE
6 JAILS CONTINUES AND YOU JUST THINK IT'S A LAUGHING STOCK
7 PROBLEM. AND THAT'S WHY RIGHT NOW THE RIDLEY'S LEAVING THE
8 BUILDING BECAUSE HE DOESN'T WANT TO HEAR HOW HIS COUNTY JAILS
9 ARE ABUSING PEOPLE AND CONDUCTING CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. BUT
10 HE WANTS TO IMPORT TERRORISTS FROM SYRIA. GET THAT. ISN'T THAT
11 FUNNY?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. NOW THE PUBLIC
14 COMMENT. DR. CLAVREUL? MARY DAVIS? WINNETKA VADEN. MICHAEL
15 HUNT. MARCIA HANSCOM. NOBODY BY THAT NAME? OKAY, WE'LL KEEP
16 CALLING. ERIC PREVEN. JOHN WALSH. HARRIET ELLIOTT. WAYNE
17 SPINDLER.

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19 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN, A COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
20 DISTRICT 3. AND A LOT OF STUFF GOING ON IN THIS MEETING. IT'S
21 A TEENY BIT CONFUSING BECAUSE THERE WERE MANY ITEMS CALLED UP.
22 BUT SINCE THIS IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I'D LIKE TO TALK
23 ABOUT SOMETHING IN C.D.2 THE CITY DISTRICT. I THINK IT'S
24 KUEHL'S AND MY THIRD DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY. THIS IS A
25 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT WAS PUSHED THROUGH THE CITY HALL THIS

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1 MORNING AT ITEM 46-B. AND IT IS NOT EXACTLY THIS BOARD'S
2 JURISDICTION, BUT THE WHOLE IDEA OF THIS KIND OF DEVELOPMENT
3 IN THE THIRD DISTRICT IS. AND IT'S IDENTIFIED BY L.L.C. AS THE
4 DEVELOPER, A GUY NAMED SKYLINE 18 L.L.C. WHEN YOU DIG INTO
5 THAT, HIS NAME IS DON R. HANKEY, WITH AN E, H-A-N-K-E-Y, BUT
6 THIS IS A BIG-TIME GUY. YOU PROBABLY SAW THE PIECE IN FORTUNE
7 MAGAZINE LAST WEEK, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABOUT THE GUY. HE'S
8 KNOWN AS A SUBPRIME MILLIONAIRE FOR CAR LOANS. SO IT'S A
9 CONTROVERSIAL JOB. HE PROVIDES LOANS, 23 PERCENT FOR PEOPLE
10 WHO CAN'T GET CARS. SO HE'S KIND OF A HERO TO THAT GROUP. OF
11 COURSE ON THE B SIDE NOBODY CAN PAY THAT KIND OF LOAN THEY ALL
12 START DROWNING AND HE BECOMES AN AGGRESSIVE COLLECTOR, WHICH
13 IS PART OF THE BUSINESS. HE'S MADE BILLIONS. THE CITY IS
14 GIVING HIM A SPECIAL DEAL, SO INSTEAD OF 15 UNITS OR 13 UNITS
15 HE'S GOING TO GET 18 BECAUSE HE NEEDS MORE. AND THOSE UNITS,
16 TWO OF THEM ARE GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE UNITS. THE PROBLEM IS
17 THIS GUY DOES NOT HAVE A GREAT TRACK RECORD WHEN YOU LOOK AT
18 HIS-- IN THE FORTUNE MAGAZINE, THEY REFER TO THE LAWSUIT FROM
19 THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY AGAINST THE GUY WHERE HE
20 SETTLED CLAIMS FOR \$46 MILLION. SO, YOU KNOW, HE WAS DOING
21 STUFF LIKE COLLECTING MONEY BY HAVING THE PHONE RING, HAS A
22 PIZZERIA IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. HE WAS DOING ALL SORTS OF
23 CROOKED COLLECTION STUFF WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY NOT YOUR PROBLEM
24 PER SE, BUT IT'S ALL OF OUR PROBLEM BECAUSE WHAT WE KEEP DOING

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1 IS DEALING THESE GUYS IN. HE'S GOT-- HE'S A BILLIONAIRE AND
2 HE'S MAKING THESE NEIGHBORHOODS BOXIER.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. MR. HUNT?

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6 **MICHAEL RED CHIEF HUNT:** YES. THE RED CHIEF HUNT HERE. AGAIN,
7 THANK YOU, MIKE, FOR RESPECTING ME AND I LIKE YOUR OPINION.
8 AND THANK COUNTY COUNSEL FOR ABIDING BY THE RALPH M. BROWN
9 ACT. MY ONLY GOAL DOWN HERE IS TO TALK TO RON BROWN. IF ANY OF
10 YOU GUYS COULD BRING ME THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DOWN HERE, I'M
11 HAVING SOME SITUATIONS IN COURT. IF YOU GUYS CAN RESPECTIVELY
12 DO THAT. I TALKED TO WINSTON PETERS WHEN HE WAS ASSISTANT
13 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND WE DIDN'T GET ANYTHING DONE. I MEAN,
14 RIGHTFULLY SO. MY FOREFATHER, DR. HERSHEL SWINGER, REPRESENTED
15 THIS COUNTY IN A VERY INTRICATE WAY. SO I DO HAVE A LOT OF
16 RESPECT. AND LIKE I SAID, MY ONLY DUE DILIGENCE DOWN HERE IS
17 TO TALK TO RON BROWN. MIKE, IF YOU CAN HELP ME WITH THAT. I
18 DID GO TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE. AND I THINK THAT I
19 WON'T BE DOWN HERE ANYMORE IF YOU CAN GET THAT DONE FOR ME,
20 SIR IN A RESPECTIVE WAY. IT'S AN ONGOING ISSUES WITH THE
21 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE THAT I NEED TO RESOLVE. AND THE ONLY
22 WAY I CAN DO THAT IS WITH RON BROWN, SIR.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IF YOU WAIT ON THIS SIDE, WE'LL GET
25 SOMEBODY FROM THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE.

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2 **MICHAEL RED CHIEF HUNT:** OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP BENJAMIN DURRUM

5 AND, YES. MR. WALSH.

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7 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
8 JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL. TWEETING @HOLLYWOOD DEMS. I'M HEARING THE
9 LIBERALS' HEARTS BLEEDING FOR THE SYRIAN REFUGEES. YOU KNOW,
10 THEY'RE IN A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH NOW. THEY'RE LIVING A
11 COMFORTABLE LIFE IN JORDAN. I JUST WANT TO SAY TO EVERY BLACK
12 AND HISPANIC IN THIS WORLD THAT WHEN THEY COME HERE, THEY WILL
13 BE CONSIDERED WHITE PEOPLE BY THE LIBERALS AND THEY WILL BE
14 TREATED BETTER THAN ANY BLACK OR HISPANIC UNLESS THEY'RE
15 STEALING. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS OF COURSE HE'S A PHONY WHITE MAN.
16 BUT I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW: ONCE THEY COME IN HERE, THEY'RE
17 ABOVE YOU IN THE SCALE AND I'M A WHITE TRADER BECAUSE I TELL
18 BLACKS AND HISPANICS WHAT WE WHITES SAY WHEN YOU'RE NOT
19 AROUND. AND EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT. AND M.T.A. IS ABOUT 80 TO 90
20 PERCENT THE SUBWAY MINORITY. THAT'S NOT TRUE IN OTHER CITIES.
21 TODAY 45 MINUTES, BIG TRAIN PROBLEM AT HOLLYWOOD AND VINE.
22 THEY LIED AND SAID IT WAS POLICE ACTIVITY. POLICE DIDN'T SHOW
23 UP. THE WHOLE SYSTEM IS FALLING APART BECAUSE THEY'RE BUILDING
24 RAIL. WHY ARE THEY BUILDING IT WEST TO LA BREA? SO THAT BLACKS
25 AND HISPANICS CAN GO OUT THERE AND BE THE SERVANTS OF JEWS.

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1 THAT'S WHY THEY ARE DOING IT. AND I'M A JEW MYSELF. I WANT ONE
2 JEW TO SAY IT THAT IS NOT TRUE. AND I'M TELLING YOU THE
3 M.T.A., TELLING YOU WHAT HAPPENED HERE. WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE
4 EXPLOSION AND ALL THE GAS COULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE BLACK
5 NEIGHBORHOOD BECAUSE IN THE BLACK AND BROWN NEIGHBORHOOD, YOU
6 WOULD HAVE REPORTED IT IMMEDIATELY. BUT THOSE SCUMBAGS OUT
7 THERE IN THE VALLEY, THEY BELIEVE IN DONALD TRUMP AND THEY
8 ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE POISONED FOR THREE WEEKS. WHITE
9 SCUMBAGS.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

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13 **SPEAKER:** HI, I WANT TO ASK SHEILA KUEHL, SHEILA, IF MS.
14 HONORABLE KUEHL--

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16 **SPEAKER:** PAY ATTENTION TO HER.

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18 **SPEAKER:** HEY, HEY, BRO.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO, YOU WEREN'T. MR. SPINDLER.

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22 **SPEAKER:** ANYWAY, I'M JUST GOING TO-- I WONDER-- MY OWN
23 SUPERVISOR WENT LEFT. SO ALL I WANT TO KNOW IS HOW TO GET A
24 LETTER FROM HIM TO THE L.A.P.D. SO MY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR CAN
25 READ, JAN TUCKER, CAN READ THE MURDER FILE ON MY SON'S CASE.

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1 THAT'S ALL I WANT. HOW CAN I DO THAT? I HAVE GONE TO HIS
2 DEPUTY. I TALKED TO HER RIGHT NOW. BUT ALL I WANT IS A SIMPLE,
3 SIMPLE THING. IT'S JUST A LETTER. I'M WILLING TO WRITE THE
4 LETTER AND SOMEONE SIGN IT TO ASK THAT JAN TUCKER CAN READ MY
5 SON'S CASE SO HE WILL KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENED. HE'S SMART. DO YOU
6 HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS?

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8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS IS YOUR SUPERVISOR?

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10 **SPEAKER:** RIGHT.

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12 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU KNOW IT'S DIFFICULT OBVIOUSLY FOR US TO
13 SAY TO EACH OTHER, YOU KNOW, YOU REALLY NEED TO DO SOMETHING
14 THAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS WANT YOU TO DO BECAUSE MINE ALSO ASK ME
15 TO INVESTIGATE. AND THE ONLY THING THAT WE CAN DO, REALLY, IS
16 TO ASK OUR STAFF TO ADVISE US IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.
17 BECAUSE AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANY AUTHORITY OVER
18 EITHER THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR THE L.A. P.D. AND SO WE'RE
19 SORT OF IN A BEGGING SITUATION, AS WELL. BUT I'LL TELL YOU
20 WHAT I WILL DO. I'LL ASK MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S STAFF FOR THEIR
21 RESPONSE ABOUT WHAT THEY THINK ABOUT THIS. I'M CERTAIN THEY
22 WILL GET BACK TO YOU. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE YOU FALSE HOME A
23 LOT OF PEOPLE THINK THAT WE CAN PICK UP THE PHONE AND STUFF
24 HAPPENS AND IT ACTUALLY DOESN'T.

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1 **SPEAKER:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SHEILA KUEHL.

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD
4 SACHS. YES, SIR.

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6 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** YES, SO ON FRIDAY I HAVE TO GO TO THE
7 COURTHOUSE TO FACE MY CRIMINAL CHARGES FOR NOT LEAVING AFTER
8 TWO MINUTES AT A BROWN ACT MEETING. AND YOU LOOK AT THE GUY
9 THAT LEAVES THE MEETING EARLY AND HE WANTS TO BRING SYRIAN
10 REFUGEES INTO OUR COUNTRY, THESE NICE PEOPLE FROM THAT
11 DISPUTED REGION, OH, BOY. NOTHING LIKE BOMBINGS THAT ARE GOING
12 TO HAPPEN ALL OVER THE PLACE AND SHOPPING CENTERS. AND THE
13 REASON IS BECAUSE NONE OF YOU GUYS LIVE IN THE REAL WORLD.
14 YOU'VE NEVER BEEN TO A THIRD AND FOURTH WORLD COUNTRY. YOU'VE
15 NEVER BEEN OVER THERE AND UNDERSTAND THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE
16 GOING TO COME INTO THESE WESTERN COUNTRIES, INTO THE UNITED
17 STATES, SECRETE THEMSELVES IN AND THEY'RE GOING TO STRAP BOMBS
18 ON THEMSELVES AND BLOW THEMSELVES UP BECAUSE THEY HATE US.
19 HATE IS A POWERFUL EMOTION. AND HATE IS WHAT DRIVES THESE
20 PEOPLE. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN PARIS. IT'S NOT RACE. IT'S
21 HATE. IT'S JUST HATE BECAUSE WE KEEP COMING INTO THEIR PART OF
22 THE WORLD. WE WE'VE BEEN DOING IT FOR 150 YEARS AND KEEP
23 SCREWING WITH THESE PEOPLE, INSTALLING KINGS AND EMPERORS AND
24 THE SAUD FAMILY, WHEN THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO
25 EVER VOTE. I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN A CITY OF LOS

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1 ANGELES WHERE YOU CAN'T VOTE FOR ANYBODY. ALL OF THESE OFFICES
2 ARE BOUGHT AND PAID FOR ON THE BALLOT. YES, SHEILA KUEHL,
3 THAT'S RIGHT. BECAUSE NOBODY WANTS TO VOTE FOR PEOPLE LIKE
4 THAT. IT'S THAT THAT HE RAISE ENOUGH MONEY AND THEY BUY THEIR
5 OFFICES AND THEY SIT THERE AND GO, "I'M BETTER THAN YOU ARE."
6 NO, YOU'RE LOWER THAN DIRT. AND YOU'RE GOING TO BRING THESE
7 PEOPLE INTO THIS COUNTRY AND THE FIRST PERSON THAT DOES THE
8 SUICIDE BOMBING YOU'RE GOING TO GO OH, WHAT HAPPENED? WHAT
9 HAPPENED WAS YOU CAN'T SCREEN THESE PEOPLE BUT YOU WANT TO
10 BRING THEM IN. SO RIDLEY-THOMAS, HE'S A PARTY ANIMAL. BRING
11 HIM IN AND LET'S PARTY.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MR. SACHS OR YES, SIR?

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15 **SPEAKER:** YOU KNOW ME, MIKE.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HOW ARE YOU DOING?

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19 **SPEAKER:** I DIDN'T LIKE THAT LETTER YOU READ ON THE COUNTY
20 JAIL, BECAUSE HE'S LYING TO ME. BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I'VE
21 BEEN. I COMMEND THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF DEPUTIES BECAUSE THEY
22 DO HAVE TO DEAL WITH BUSINESS FROM LONG BEACH, FROM TORRANCE
23 AND GET THEM ALL TOGETHER. AND THEN, WHAT? JUST TELL THEM TO
24 FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. BUT THEN SOMEBODY DON'T. OKAY. OKAY, THEY
25 ALWAYS SCUFFLE. RESISTANCE. IN THE SCUFFLE, THE DEPUTY GETS

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1 HURT. TOO. DO THEY TELL THAT? MICHAEL, DO THEY? THE PROBLEM I
2 HAVE, I WAS TRYING TO TRACK MARK. BUT HE'S GONE NOW. BUT I
3 DIDN'T LIKE THAT LETTER. WHERE HAVE I BEEN THE LAST 10 YEARS?
4 OKAY. I RUN YOU DOWN MY PEDIGREE. NUMBER 1, I'M A LOS ANGELES
5 COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND YOU WAS AT MY GRADUATION IN 2002 FROM THE
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY. WERE YOU OR WERE YOU NOT?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** IS THAT THE TRAINING CLASS AT PETER
9 PITCHESS?

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11 **SPEAKER:** COUNTY VEHICLE TRAINING PROGRAM. YOU MICHAEL HENRY,
12 LEE BACA, YVONNE, ZEV.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALL THE SUPERVISORS WERE THERE?

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16 **SPEAKER:** YES. YOU WERE THERE, TOO.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WELL I WAS A SUPERVISOR THEN. SO
19 I WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE. OKAY. I'M GLAD YOU GRADUATED.

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21 **SPEAKER:** BUT THE LETTER YOU WROTE, I MEAN NOT YOU, THE LETTER
22 THE INMATE WROTE TALKING ABOUT THE CONDITIONS AT THE COUNTY
23 JAIL. NUMBER 1, IF EVERYBODY FOLLOWS DIRECTION, YOU HAVE THAT
24 THERE. YOU HAVE TO ANSWER ALL THE LETTERS LIKE LEVY. BUT
25 SOMETIMES I'VE BEEN THERE. I GRADUATED FROM THE COUNTY

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1 TRAINING ACADEMY. AND BECAUSE OF THINGS THAT WERE GOING ON IN
2 THE COUNTY. I ENDED UP THROUGH L.A.P.D. WHERE THE JUDGE, I
3 DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO MENTION HER NAME BECAUSE THAT'S MY HATE.
4 HE WAS GOING TO HURT. ANYWAY, THAT'S WHERE I BEEN THE LAST 10
5 YEARS, IN THE COUNTY JAIL AND THE STATE PENITENTIARY.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE OUT.

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9 **SPEAKER:** I CAN'T PICK MY LIFE UP. WHY? BECAUSE MY BROTHER
10 STEALS MY IDENTITY. IDENTITY THEFT. I CALL L.A.P.D. THEY'RE
11 LIKE, "OH, IT'S OKAY. IT WILL COME BACK." AND I STILL END UP
12 BEING FALSELY ACCUSED AND STILL END UP GETTING SOME
13 INDIVIDUALS THAT BELIEVES IN L.A.P.D. THEY'RE THE BIGGEST BULK
14 OF FILLING UP THE COUNTY JAIL. BIGGEST BULK OF CRIME. "WELL,
15 WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH." THERE ARE A LOT
16 OF PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT IN MENTAL HEALTH. THOSE ARE THE ONES
17 THAT WORK AND GIVE THEIR CRIME TO SOMEBODY ELSE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY.

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21 **SPEAKER:** IF EVERYBODY BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR OWN
22 ACTIONS, IT WON'T BE NO SCREW UP IN THE COUNTY JAIL IF THEY
23 WALKED IN AND FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. SACHS.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. A
3 COUPLE THINGS. I WAS GOING TO ACTUALLY APPLAUD LAST WEEK'S
4 MEETING. IT WAS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT CIVIC
5 ENGAGEMENT. YOU HAD A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS COME TO THE COUNTY
6 BOARD MEETING AND HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT PROS AND CONS OF
7 PUBLIC HEARING, REGARDING PUBLIC INPUT ON A TACO BELL. YO
8 QUIERO TACO BELL. IT WAS OVER THE TOP TO HAVE 30, 40 PEOPLE
9 FOR TACO BELL AND HAVE SIX PEOPLE COME DOWN HERE FOR PUBLIC
10 HOUSING OR AFFORDABLE HOUSING, BUT THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS.
11 BUT IT WAS GOOD CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. AND THEN ON TOP OF
12 EVERYTHING ELSE, WE GOT TO HEAR ABOUT HOW THE STATE ACTS WHEN
13 IT CREATES LAWS AND COMMISSIONS, RIGHT? YOU MENTIONED
14 SOMETHING ABOUT THE COLISEUM COMMISSION AND WHO APPOINTS
15 PEOPLE TO OVERSEE THE POMONA FAIRGROUNDS AND YOU SAID
16 SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT THE STATE CREATED THE COLISEUM
17 COMMISSION. THAT BROUGHT BACK ANOTHER OLD FAVORITE. YOU KNOW
18 WHAT SHOULD COME NEXT, THE GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY,
19 BECAUSE THE STATE CREATED THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY
20 AND THAT WENT RIGHT OUT THE WINDOW. SO YOU WANT TO FOLLOW THE
21 LAW, YOU FOLLOW THE LAW. WHEN YOU DON'T WANT TO FOLLOW THE
22 LAW, YOU SAY, "WHO GIVES A RAT'S ASS?" WHICH BRINGS ME TO MY
23 OTHER SUBJECT, BECAUSE YOU READ BEFORE THE MEETING ABOUT
24 LANGUAGE. WELL, THERE'S SOME AWFULLY SALTY LANGUAGE IN HERE
25 WITH NO RESULTS. AND ALSO I ASKED COUNTY COUNSEL A COUPLE

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1 TIMES ABOUT RULES REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT, PUBLIC SPEAKING,
2 HOW YOU CAN-- WHAT ARE THE RULES AND THE PARAMETERS FOR
3 ENGAGING IN PUBLIC COMMENT WHEN YOU CAN-- OR PUBLIC SPEAKING
4 WHERE YOU CAN COMBINE TIME? SO I WAITED 20 MINUTES.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU.

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8 **AVIANNA URIBE, ACTING ASS'T. EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH
9 BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD
10 OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM
11 NO. C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING
12 LITIGATION; ITEM NO. C.S.-4, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
13 EVALUATIONS AND ITEM NO. C.S.-5, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR
14 NEGOTIATOR SACHI A. HAMAI AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED ON
15 THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION DECEMBER 1, 2015

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5 There was no reportable action taken on item CS-1, CS-4 or CS-
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8 In open session items CS-2 and CS-3 were continued one week to
9 December 8, 2015.

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